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Some of the children who were involved in the video with the goodies donated by Pinkfong

Fin-tastic! Nursery children go viral with their own version of Baby Shark song

YOUNGSTERS at The Ducklings Day Nursery have gone global with their very own version of the Baby Shark song.

When staff at the nursery decided to use the catchy song to help involve the children with expressive arts and music, little did they know how popular it would become.

They filmed a video at the nursery, starring as many of the children as possible, before posting it on their social media page for parents to see. There were 30-40 children involved and staff members. The video was put together over the course of a week and a half. It quickly went viral and gained more than 8,000 views.

However, things really started to take off when Pinkfong and Smart Study – the Korean creators of the original song – got in touch with the nursery to ask if they could use the video on their own page.

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FIX IT - OR BIN IT!

MP pleads with government to stop roll out of Universal Credit

Report by **Henry James**

MP Rosie Cooper has 'pleaded' with the government to stop the roll out of Universal Credit after claiming it has 'spectacularly failed in West Lancashire - leaving residents hungry, cold or homeless'.

Universal Credit was rolled out across the borough in December 2017, but the next phase will mean nearly three million people over the next four years currently claiming the benefits such as Tax Credits and Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) being required to claim Universal Credit instead.

MP Rosie Cooper has said Universal Credit has caused severe hardship for many people so far with long waits for initial payments leading to people building up debts, rent arrears or even being forced to turn to food banks for help.

That is if they get that far as almost 30% of claims for Universal Credit started, are never completed. The government has failed to investigate the reasons for that but the complexity of the online system could be one key explanation.

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper said: "The government must stop the roll out of Universal Credit. The major flaws in its design and delivery are pushing many people into poverty rather than protecting them from it.

"The confusion caused by the conflicting statements by the Prime Minister and Work and Pensions Secretary over the past week about whether people will lose out financially as a result will have caused them real concern. I know from my West Lancashire constituents that many have lost out financially.

Failed

"Despite the evidence we are seeing of the impact of Universal Credit, the government seems determined to press ahead with the next phase of the roll out. I am calling on it to step back from the brink before it is too late and stop the roll out. It needs to look at areas like West Lancashire where Universal Credit roll out has fundamentally and spectacularly failed leaving residents hungry, cold or homeless, and fix the system or bin it.

"I have written to both Theresa May and Esther McVey pleading with them to fix it or bin it."

The last week has seen controversy over whether people who are required to transfer to Universal Credit during the next phase of the roll out will lose financially as a result. It was reported that the Work and Pensions Secretary had told Cabinet colleagues that families could lose up to £200 a month.

Where there is no change in their circumstances they will receive what is known as Transitional Protection which is an additional payment designed to ensure that they will not be worse off as a result of moving across to claim Universal Credit.

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RSPCA urge schools to sign up to 'Compassionate Class' scheme

Campaign launched to teach animal welfare to pupils

SCHOOLS in the borough are being urged to sign up to the newly-launched RSPCA Compassionate Class scheme.

So far, more than 600 schools in the north of England have already agreed to the animal welfare initiative, but the RSPCA wants to find even more pupils and teachers to get involved.

The project, which helps children to learn about animal welfare, is being rolled out nationally with the aim of reaching 3,000 schools a year within three years as part of the RSPCA's programme 'Generation Kind'.

Online resources from the RSPCA will guide teachers on a variety of subjects from pets, farm animals and wildlife with interactive games and activities to encourage children to think and discuss what they need to keep them happy and healthy.

The animal welfare charity is rolling the scheme out nationally and Key Stage 2 classes (7-11-years old) can still sign up for this school year until October 31.

More schools in Lancashire have signed up to the project than any other county in England and Wales, with 139 schools so far.

David Allen, Head of Education and Prevention at the RSPCA said: "We've been overwhelmed by the number of schools who have signed up to our RSPCA Compassionate Class project - but there's still time to get involved. Compassionate Class teaches children about the five animal welfare needs, the resources gets them talking and debating about the importance of animals and creates an awareness of how we should respect them and each other. In turn, we hope this will help to create a kinder society in the future.

"This is why we are calling for animal welfare to become part of the curriculum in all primary and secondary schools."

The children will learn about animal heroes who work for the police, sniff out bombs or help their owners with disabilities. They also learn how litter can harm wild animals and the everyday things they can do to make life that little bit better for the animals around them.

Each class will also have the opportunity to showcase what they have learnt by entering a competition to win the title of 'The Most Compassionate Class of 2019'. There are a number of visits to RSPCA animal centres to be won so the children can see the RSPCA in action and the animals they care for.

For more information, or to sign-up your school before October 31, visit www.rspca.org.uk/ compassionateclass

Pupils who have already signed up to the project

Lane is chosen as one of nation's *spookiest* place names!

A WESTLancs road has been selected as one of Britain's most blood curdling destination names.

Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge, was given the 'Halloween honour' alongside Howling Lane in Northumberland and Corpse Road in North Yorkshire, by car leasing company.

Skull House Lane is said to have gotten its name from a 'cursed skull' once housed in a cottage down the lane known as Skull House. A myth is that many locals tried to destroy this skull, only to suffer a terrible fate themselves.

Select Car Leasing director Mark Tongue said: "Some of the road names have very literal – and often frightening - meanings, dating back through history."

County Council hands health contract to Virgin Care after High Court battle to decide preferred bidder

Report by **Kenny Parker**

MP slams controversial decision to let private firm run £104m NHS service

LANCASHIRE County Council has awarded a controversial £104m healthcare contract to Virgin Care for the second time following a High Court hearing.

The contract to run LCC's Healthy Child Programme '0 to 19' was originally awarded to Virgin Care, but two Lancashire foundation trusts contested the decision and, following a High Court hearing in April, a judge set aside the decision.

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith ordered a full reassessment of the bids after it was ruled that Lancashire CC hadn't followed the evaluation and procurement process correctly.

But now, following a re-evaluation of the bids, Virgin Care has once again been chosen as the preferred bidder for the contract.

The two trusts, Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust (LCFT) and Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (BTHT), who currently run the service, did not score as highly in the re-run evaluation, which was overseen by an independent panel of senior experts.

The Tory-run county council had already agreed to pay 75% of the health trusts' legal fees following the High Court challenge, said to be in the region of £200K.

The decision by Lancashire County Countil to award Virgin Care the conctract was met with dismay by West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper and the county council's deputy leader of the Labour group, Skelmersdale East County Councillor John Fillis

Ms Cooper welcomed the judge's decision at the time and accused the county council of using 'dubious' processes to award contracts and being determined to privatise county council services.

County Councillor Shaun Turner,

However, county council chiefs maintain that the authority is legally bound to offer the services to tender and that the decision was not political. Only two bids were received to provide the services.

The contract award decision is subject to a 10 day standstill period, which is a legal process required under EU procurement law.

The existing contract will continue to be run by LCFT and BTHT until the end of March next year, ensuring no disruption to services should the appointment of Virgin Care be confirmed after the end of the standstill period.

County Councillor Shaun Turner, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said "This contract will ensure there is a consistent range of 0 to 19 services across the whole county, available to all, with additional support for those who most need it.

"Our aim has always been to help narrow the gap in health between different groups and communities, while integrating more closely with other children's and family services.

"We know this is an unsettling period for staff and once the standstill period has been completed they will be fully informed about the next steps.""

A spokesperson for Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust said: "At present we are in a standstill period so cannot comment any further at this time."

MP Rosie Cooper, told the Champion: "Following a long and drawn out process costing the taxpayer many thousands of pounds, it is clear that the Tories' agenda both locally and nationally of galloping privatisation continues.

"This contract award will lead to more fragmentation, as we have seen here in West Lancashire with the awarding of key health contracts to Virgin Care by the local Clinical Commissioning Group. It'll now be even more difficult to provide joined-up services across Lancashire."

Cllr John Fillis, added: "This is just another step towards the privatisation of our health services through a death by a thousand cuts strategy, which reduces the ability of our health services to provide care, slowly bringing down the standard to make in profitable for private companies."

MP in plea to stop Universal Credit roll out

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However, that will only last for two years and could be lost due to a change in circumstances such as a couple moving in together or separating.

The government say Universal Credit was set up with the aim of stopping long-term dependency on the state and to create a situation where people are better off in work than being on benefits.

Former Work and Pensions Secretary Iain Duncan Smith introduced it and the idea was to restore "fairness and simplicity."

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper

Youngsters making waves with shark song

Some of the children and staff who were involved in the Baby Shark video

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They also added the following comment on the nursery's social media page: "Just can't stop smiling while watching this! We introduce the cutest #PinkfongBabyShark challengers ever from The Ducklings Day Nursery, Skelmersdale."

They were so impressed with the children's performance that they even sent out dozens of Pinkfong goodies for the children to enjoy and play with at the nursery. Worldwide, the nursery's video now has almost 20,000 views and counting.

Cherisse Wilkinson from the nursery said: "It was an amazing idea. The children loved taking part in the video. The parents got involved too, and we have had so much positive feedback from it."

YouTube channel Pinkfong created the original song and dance which has been seen by 1.6bn people on YouTube globally.

Pinkfong has more than 10m subscribers and puts together videos with the aim of assisting children learn while watching their cartoon Pinkfong.

Up Holland library transferred to Artz for All group

LANCASHIRE County Council has agreed to transfer ownership of Up Holland library to the 'Artz for All' group.

The council had previously agreed in principle the application for the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of the library to the community interest company which provides creative opportunities and services to people, schools and organisations across the district.

Artz for All intend to turn the building into an arts centre, and give young people the chance to take part in activities such as drama, music, dance and photography, as well as providing space for wider community activities where possible.

The organisation will also provide an independent community-run library service, which will be maintained for use by the community.

They will be able to access a package of help from the county council to establish the library facility, which will include £5,000 to provide public internet access and cover set-up costs, as well as shelving, an initial supply of books from the county's store, and advice from a dedicated community library manager. When the independent community library becomes operational, the council will also continue to provide support through an annual grant of £1,000 to provide public internet access.

A county council spokesperson said: "We have agreed to transfer ownership of Up Holland Library to Artz for All as quickly as possible. We'll work closely with them to complete the process, so that local people have access to another library service to complement the library services operated by the county council."

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Potential foster carers invited to drop-in events

LANCASHIRE County Council is to hold drop-in surgeries in a bid to recruit more foster carers.

The sessions will be held in libraries, including Burscough Library, on October 24 from 10am to 2.30pm .

The events will offer face-to-face meetings with an expert in fostering recruitment and assessment. Current foster carers will also be available to answer questions.

Eligibility to foster can be checked 'on the spot' and an initial home visit booked immediately, to fast track potential carers through the process.

County Councillor Susie Charles, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Holding drop-in surgeries are new approaches that we are trying out to recruit the new foster carers that are needed. We recognise that people have very busy lives, so this could be a very useful way of being able to talk to people who are interested in finding out more when they are visiting a library."

If you're unable to go along to a drop-in event, call the fostering recruitment team on 0300 123 6723 or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering

Funding slashed for community transport services

Report by **Henry James**

A REDUCTION to the budget which supports community transport services has been confirmed by Lancashire County Council's cabinet.

The move follows a public consultation with user groups after it was proposed to reduce the financial support for community transport operators by £175,000 over two years to contribute to savings needed to meet a forecasted council funding gap of £135m by 2022/23.

That reduction will now go-ahead, despite the consultation.

County Councillor Keith Iddon, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

Community transport in Lancashire is provided for people who are not able to use mainstream public transport and includes Dial-a-Ride, group transport, and community car schemes.

County Councillor Keith Iddon, cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "As a council we have to make some very difficult decisions to balance the books and make savings in almost every area of the council's work.

"I would like to thank everyone who took the time to let us know how they use these services, and how they may be affected by any changes.

"Following this decision we will look to minimise the impact of this budget reduction as much as possible for those who use community transport."

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Presentation evening held at Artz Centre for Safe Teens Project

THE Liberty Centre Safe Teens presentation evening took place on Tuesday, October 16 as a showcase of an innovative programme Like a Girl, run in partnership with the Artz Centre in Skelmersdale.

A group of girls were given the opportunity to explore the countless issues they encounter around relationships such as sexting, abuse, peer and social pressures etc.

A total of 25 teenage girls attended the programme and learnt about the meaning of healthy relationships, and identified how both positive and negative influences, in the media and beyond, could affect their daily lives and shape their opinions of themselves and others.

The Safe Teens Project worked with the Artz Centre who provided this creative programme through several creative mediums such as: Photography, Drama, poetry, music which were showcased during the evening.

At the Artz Centre the girls also presented two emotional live performances around mental health and peer pressure. Most of the audience commented how effective and powerful the performances were and tears were seen around the room.

A few comments from the girls were as follows: "I know what a healthy relationship is, and how to access support if needed"; "I enjoyed learning about different women influences and putting my point across"; "and creating the poems was cool".

The Safe Teens Project aims to ensure girls and young women from the age of 13-19 years old within West Lancashire are supported and given the skills to build resilience and confidence to prevent and raise awareness of domestic and other forms of abuse.

If you would like support or further information about the project, contact Stacey Hives on 01695 50600 or stacey@thelibertycentre.org.uk

Presentation night for the Safe Teens project at The Artz Centre, Birch Green.

Shake-up paves the way for reduction in number of councillors serving the borough

'Radical' move is welcomed by campaigners

Report by **Kenny Parker**

BOROUGH councillors have voted for a 'radical' shake-up of the council's political management structure by passing a motion to begin the process of reducing the number of elected members.

West Lancs council is currently carrying out a full organisational review which the ruling Labour group says is to ensure that the council remains sustainable in the face of further austerity cuts to council funds by the Conservative Government.

Adam Yates, councillor for Ormskirk's Knowsley ward and Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Resources, tabled a motion to say the review was also 'an ideal opportunity to re-evaluate the structures of political management'.

Adrian Owens, councillor for Derby ward and leader of independent group Our West Lancashire (OWL), seconded the motion after campaigning for such a move to be introduced.

Cllr Yates said: "The council faces a very difficult future, due to the ongoing government cuts which will see our funding revenues continue to fall until at least 2020. Although the council is well run, and offers good value for money in its delivery of services, we have been left with no option but to look at a wholesale restructuring of the organisation if we wish to maintain the current levels of service in future years.

"The Sustainable Organisational Review Project (SORP) will help to deliver better customer service, as well as looking at ways to generate additional income for the council, through a potentially radical change in the organisational structure and services.

"It is therefore only appropriate that we also take this opportunity to look at the role of councillors, and the number required to provide sufficient support for residents. We hear repeated calls from opposition councillors to cut the basic councillor allowances, yet all this would achieve is to limit the type of people who could afford to take on what is often a very demanding civic responsibility.

Coun. Yates, Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Resources.

"Cuts to allowances would mean that people who can bring different and valuable experience to the council would find themselves excluded because they simply can't afford to be councillors (especially now that Universal Credit measures are taking effect).

"It makes far more sense to look at the overall number of councillors we need, which is why I have called for the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to be contacted. We hope to get the ball rolling ahead of the SORP report, due to come to council in July 2019, which will give us a much clearer idea of how the council can be restructured to provide the best value and quality of service to all residents."

Our West Lancashire said the motion was an example of 'the power of a good idea'. Leader Cllr Owens said, "We have been campaigning throughout this year to take this idea forward. In our doorstep and online surveys, it had 80% support from local residents. We featured it in our local election literature in May's elections and the by-election that followed in Knowsley ward.

"Last year, both Labour and Conservative dismissed the idea using a bureaucratic committee to say there was no case for change. But the strength of the argument and our campaigning on the matter has finally prompted this very welcome change."

Changes to councillor numbers can only be made after recommendations from a Government committee and any report from the committee is not likely before 2020.

Call to 'resource police effectively' following spate of stabbings in town

Report by **Henry James**

A SPATE of stabbings in the town has prompted calls for the Home Secretary to 'resource police in the borough effectively'.

The Champion reported last week on a knife attack on two men by a gang in Birch Green.

After the incident MP Rosie Cooper released the following statement: "This is yet another appalling knife attack in Skelmersdale which is completely unacceptable and must not continue.

"I have again contacted the Home Secretary to demand that he considers the issues we are facing here and resource our police effectively so they can best do their jobs in deterring and tackling such activity.

"We also need the community to step up and report, even anonymously, to the police where they are aware of family, friends or neighbours storing weapons at home or carrying knives on the streets."

Police put a Section 60 notice in place in parts of the town after the stabbing. This power removes the need for suspicion prior to the search, meaning the legal threshold is lowered considerably.

They explained police only use these powers when there is a danger to the public.

A police spokesman said: "The power to search people in such circumstance is not something we take lightly; we make this decision only when we feel there is a heightened risk to the public.

"We need to strike a fair and justified balance between safeguarding the public, and being viewed to be oppressive. Regulations also dictate that we must notify the public prior to enforcing such an order. While this may seem counterproductive, it is done prior to the implementation to advise the public of what is undoubtedly a huge change in your human rights.

"The police also have a duty of care to the public to notify them of what is a perceived rise in the risk of harm.

"The implementation and advertisement of a section 60 is a response employed to act as both a deterrent for further incident and a tactic for detecting those committing crime. It is not a power which can be used without a clear justification due to the implications it can carry.

"Officers worked hard over the course of the two nights, having been drafted in from across the entirety of Lancashire. There were no further incidents reported of a similar nature, and interaction with the public of all ages was generally good spirited.

"A large number of individuals were stopped and searched, however no arrests were made. Known targets were visited, and hotpot areas were identified and patrolled throughout the night. Officers will continue to target the area, and general policing powers relating to stop and search will continue to be employed.

"Knife crime remains a priority and we urge the public not to go out in public with bladed articles or weapons.

"We are working closely with our partners at West Lancashire Borough Council to ensure any persons convicted of knife crime are considered for eviction from any local authority housing. "Please ensure that this message is communicated amongst your household if you feel someone within it may carry a knife.

"Please help us to help you, if you have any information which could help protect the public we encourage you to contact us on 101 or alternatively via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

Parbold crossing will be closed for essential work

Work on level crossing to affect train services

PASSENGERS travelling between Wigan and Southport are being urged to check before they set off as essential maintenance work at a level crossing in Parbold will affect journeys from next week.

Parbold level crossing will be closed for eight days between Sunday, October 28 and Sunday, November 4 for Network Rail engineers to replace life-expired equipment to help maintain the safety of the crossing.

The essential work is part of the national Railway Upgrade Plan.

Passengers will still be able to travel by train but it will be a reduced service between Wigan and Southport. They should check www.nationalrail.co.uk for the latest information.

During the work, a clear diversion will be in place for vehicles. Pedestrians will be able to cross the railway using the nearby subway. For those with mobility issues, a level crossing attendant will be on hand 24 hours a day to provide assisted access for those unable to use the stepped subway.

Darren Watts, scheme project manager at Network Rail, said: "This is essential work to keep this level crossing safe for passengers and users for years to come. To complete it as quickly and safely as possible, the crossing will be closed for eight days."

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Trust fails national waiting time limits for life-saving bowel cancer tests

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

NEW figures revealed by NHS England show Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust has breached national waiting time targets for potentially life-saving tests to diagnose bowel cancer.

More than 40 hospitals in the north of England, Yorkshire and the Humber are in breach of the waiting time target for the potentially life-saving tests.

Under NHS rules patients should wait no more than six weeks for a colonoscopy or flexi-sigmoidoscopy, both of which detect the UK's second biggest cancer early on when it is easier to treat, giving patients a greater chance of survival.

The tests use a camera on a thin, flexible cable to look at different parts of the bowel and detect cancer at the earliest stages and remove pre-cancerous growths, known as polyps.

Figures for Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, show 113 patients went on a waiting list for a colonoscopy, while 5.3% of those waited six weeks or more. Meanwhile, for flexi-sigmoidoscopy, 60 patients were on a waiting list, 3.3% of which were waiting more than 6 weeks.

The national charity Bowel Cancer UK's End the Capacity Crisis campaign is calling on the government to invest in more NHS staff to cope with the rising demand in diagnostic services and suggests that many hospitals are at breaking point because they simply do not have the capacity to meet the growing demand for these services.

NHS
Southport and Ormskirk Hospital
NHS Trust

They believe there is a lack of funding, limited resources and a shortage of staff to carry out the number of procedures needed.

Ahead of the government spending review next month, representatives from the charity are calling on the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Hammond and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock, to work together to develop a fully-funded action plan to tackle NHS staff shortages in diagnostic services for bowel cancer and end the capacity crisis.

Thousands of people, including patients, NHS staff, leading professional bodies and Members of Parliament, have backed the charity's call by signing a letter to the government, claims the charity.

Asha Kaur, from Bowel Cancer UK said: "These waiting time figures present a worrying picture for patients and demonstrate the urgent need for the government to make addressing this capacity crisis a national priority.

"If hospitals are expected to meet waiting time targets then they must be given the resources and capacity to enable them to meet these standards."

The Champion asked Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust for a comment.

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Members of Skelmersdale Veterans' Association at the dinner to mark the battle of Passchendaele

Fencing plan for former seminary

Report by **Henry James**

The former St Joseph's Seminary.

A PLANNING application has been submitted by Derwent Holdings Ltd to the borough council to re-align and extend the 2.4m high perimeter fencing at land around the former St Joseph's seminary at Stoney Brow in Up Holland.

The fencing was put up to safeguard the site following ongoing vandalism and tresspass into the listed building.

The vandalism resulted in "significant cost and damage to the building" and because of potential danger to those who were tresspassing the building had to be secured. The applicant has now received advice which says fencing should be moved further from the building because of concerns about potential "structural instability" from parts of the building.

This site was established as a Catholic seminary, and its notable alumni include the late George Carman QC and Johnny Vegas. It was then used as a school for an extended period. However the site has been vacant for a number of years and is now seen as a Building at Risk following vandalism and after water has got into the building.

There have been many different plans for the site since it became disused. In 1989, the diocese submitted a planning application to use part of the centre as a leisure centre, build 298 dwellings, and a golf course. However the diocese withdraw the application. The new application asks for consent to realign the fencing to the east of the building which would reflect engineer's advice. In the new plans there would be no change to the fencing located to the western part of the building. The relocated fencing by the east of the building will be put close to the building.

The planning statement for the application reads: "Whilst we would accept that the design is utilitarian we reflect that the boundary treatment has to be functional and also it is viewed as an interim measure to allow reduced risk of further deterioration of the building."

In the 1880's the seminary was first established when the west wing was constructed between 1880 and 1883 by J O'Byrne for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Liverpool. The architect Pugin Powell enlarged the college between 1923 and 1930 with the construction of three ranges forming a large quadrangle and a new main chapel to the west of the original.

The site was used to train priests for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Liverpool. The seminary transferred to St Cuthbert's in County Durham in 1976 and St Joseph's became a theological college called the Up Holland Northern Institute. The college closed in 1999 and has been vacant since then. The building has been a Grade II Listed Building since 1973.

The architectural charity, the Victorian Society, put the former St Joseph's Seminary on its 2016 list of Top Ten Endangered in England and Wales.

Veterans collect for Royal British Legion

MEMBERS of Skelmersdale Veterans' Association have been busy delivering poppy boxes across the town and will be collecting in the Concourse and Asda on October 26, 27, 28 and November 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10 and at the parade on November 11.

The veterans gave their first poppy box to Arron Martin, the manager at the Buff's at Quarry Bank on Ormskirk Road, Skelmersdale.

The association are working with Skelmersdale Action For Youth and Skelmersdale Library and will be supporting the Silent Soldiers Project to commemorate First World War troops. Silhouettes of a WW1 Tommy, which are near life-size, will be placed at different places in England in memory of those who came home 'silently' from the war and will also remember those who never made it home. Five figures are to be placed in St Richard's Church from November 5 until November 11. The borough council has put a Silent Soldier at the Skelmersdale cenotaph. The association has had a dinner recently at the Evermoor Hub to remember the Battle of Passchendaele, as the chairman of the veterans, Alan Lewis's grandfather, Pte Alexander Newton Irvine, fought at it.

The Battle of Passchendaele was fought in July 1917 and is sometimes called the third battle of Ypres. For the soldiers who were involved at Passchendaele, it was known as the Battle of Mud.

Alan's grandfather was gassed during WWI but survived and, after the war, was given a commemorative badge to wear.

Alan said: "We are asking local people to support this year's remembrance parade and bring all the family and celebrate the hundred year anniversary celebration.

"The veterans would also like to say a big thank you to Margaret Highton and staff for a great meal for Passchendaele."

Meanwhile the veterans have been visiting schools in Skelmersdale and Leyland to show different pieces of memorabilia such as helmets, gas marks, association colours and a Union Flag.

Attitudes Dance School

Young stars light up stage

THE girls from Attitudes Dance School performed at The Liverpool Empire on Sunday, October 21, for Smile Production's Scream It's Halloween. The girls from the school, which is based at Digmoor Community Centre, performed two routines and were excited to be able to appear at the famous theatre. Vicci Hunter, dance teacher and owner of Attitudes Dance School said: "We are all about giving our community a chance to shine and have amazing opportunities to perform on the big stage.

"The girls have been working so hard for the past two months."

Firefighters tackle Pimbo business blaze

FOUR fire engines from Skelmersdale, Wigan and the aerial ladder platform attended a commercial fire on Paddock Road, Pimbo on Wednesday, October 17 at 10.16pm.

Firefighters used four breathing apparatus and two hose reels. No injuries were reported and the cause is now under investigation.

Police find cannabis farm in Digmoor as well as weapons

POLICE attended an address in Tanhouse on Monday, October 15 and seized 46 cannabis plants and a large quantity of 'offensive' weapons.

A male and female were arrested on suspicion of trafficking controlled drugs. The investigation into this matter is ongoing. Anyone with any information can call the police on 101.

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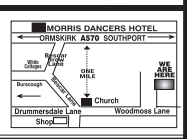

Burscough black belts chosen to represent GB at Taekwondo world championship

TWO young taekwondo black belts from West Lancs have been chosen to represent Great Britain at the World Taekwondo Championship to be held in Taiwan.

Josh Tobin, 12, and Becky Fletcher, 14 will be jetting off to Taipei in November to take part in pairs and team events.

The pair are members of Burscough based Gajok Taekwondo Academy, formerly known as Streetwise – Gajok means family in Korean.

The club has seen members win medals and trophies from a string of national and international competitions and trainer Claire Howard, from Southport, won Coach of the Year at last year's Lancashire Sports Awards.

Josh, who also won West Lancs Young Achiever of the Year at the same awards, and Becky were chosen for the world team following a selection event in London.

"It's great news for Josh and Becky to be catapulted on to that world stage. It's fantastic for them," Claire said: adding that it was the result of hard work, sacrifice, and dedication. "They train six times a week and they have given up a lot of things kids their age would do to make sure that they do this.

Josh Tobin and Becky Fletcher will be representing GB at the World Taekwondo Championships in Taiwan.

"If I ring them up at 7 o'clock one morning and say we are training at half past seven they would be there. They have got such dedication and it's good that its paid off."

Both Josh and Becky are second dan black belts and have numerous competition medals between them. Their coach will ensure the young hopefuls will not be taking anything for granted in Taipei, however, as Claire adds: "It's going to be a tough one. Because of where they are competing, in East Asia, there is gong to be an awful lot of Chinese and maybe even Koreans there. So it's going to be really tough, but a fantastic experience for them."

The club has been holding events to raise money to fund the trip, and has so far collected £1,600 out of a target of £3,500.

Claire says the club would welcome sponsorship from local businesses. For more information contact her on 07967 995 072.

You can donate directly to Josh and Becky through website www.gofundme.com by searching for Joshua's World Championship Dream and Becky's World Championship Dream.

'All things Lancashire' celebration

TARLETON Bowling Club will celebrate Lancashire Day by hosting an afternoon event on Saturday, November 24.

The event will feature a traditional Lancashire lunch, with entertainment being provided by Sid Calderbank and Mark Dowding, well known for their Lancashire music and comedy, and Ruth Bibby who is Lancashire and Cheshire Clog Dancing Champion. Sid said the event will be 'a celebration of all things Lancashire'.

Proceeds will go to the redevelopment of Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

Tickets are available from Bill on 01772 814205

Model railway show at library

ORMSKIRK Library will be hosting the Big and Little Train Show on Saturday, November 10 from 10.30 to 2.30.

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Isabel holds the winning trophy in front of the teams

Match held for popular teacher

A CHARITY football match was held last weekend to raise funds for a teacher from Aughton, Isabel Morison, to help pay for expensive cancer treatment.

The popular teacher, who works at Sacred Heart Catholic College, in Crosby, watched the match on Sunday, October 21 at the Marine Travel Arena when current teachers at Sacred Heart faced off against Six Form students!

It was a high scoring encounter, with the staff running out 7-3 winners, but that was largely down to the goalscoring exploits of Isabel's young son, Dylan, who bagged four goals for the teachers and was named man of the match! It helped raise an incredible £4,500 for Isabel's cause, which will go towards the £100,000 target which is needed to pay for her medical bills.

Isabel, 39, said: "I can't thank all those involved enough! Organisers, helpers, attendees and footballers came together in true Sacred Heart style, culminating in what was a truly fabulous event. Memories my boy will have forever!"

The match was supported by Jamie Carragher, who turned up to cheer on the teams and even enjoyed a quick kick-around with Isabel in the centre of the pitch!

There was also a raffle with some of the prizes including signed shirts from Liverpool star Adam Lallana and Everton goalkeeper Jordon Pickford.

Isabel's husband and two children were also in attendance, along with a healthy crowd who enjoyed watching the competitive match.

In February, Isabel was diagnosed with Grade 4 Primary Glioblastoma, the most aggressive and fastest growing form of brain cancer. Because the cancer is so aggressive and unpredictable, treatments are limited, so she is considering immunotherapy, which has sucessfully treated previously incurable cancers, but is expensive. To donate, visit gofundme.com/isabel-treatment-fund

Isabel kicks the ball around with Carragher

Johanna secures job despite battling rare brain condition

Report by **Henry James**

A 25-YEAR-OLD from Up Holland has managed to secure a job after graduating from the University of Liverpool despite battling a rare neurological condition called Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy.

Johanna Heslip had interviews for two jobs with NHS Trusts after gaining a second class Bsc Hons in Occupational Therapy.

She chose to work at a new clinic for Pain Management in Preston, which is a subject close to her heart.

Her Mum, Sue said: "Her condition means she has the most awful nerve pain for which there is no cure. She also has a secondary condition that involves a severe involuntary movement, similar to a seizure where she is conscious.

"We are so proud of her, and she is truly inspirational. The news about her new job is wonderful.

As she has a Complex Pain condition, she will have an empathy with patients that can't be taught. She has worked extremely hard to achieve her qualification because she lives in constant pain and continues with the seizure like movements."

Johanna receives her degree from the University of Liverpool

Johanna Heslip also received a first class honours degree from Edge Hill University in 2015 in early years professional leadership and practice despite having to battle the effects of her condition and also dystonia, a state of abnormal muscle tone. This resulted in muscular spasm and also gave her abnormal posture.

She had been really poorly in her second year and she didn't think she would be able to complete the course.

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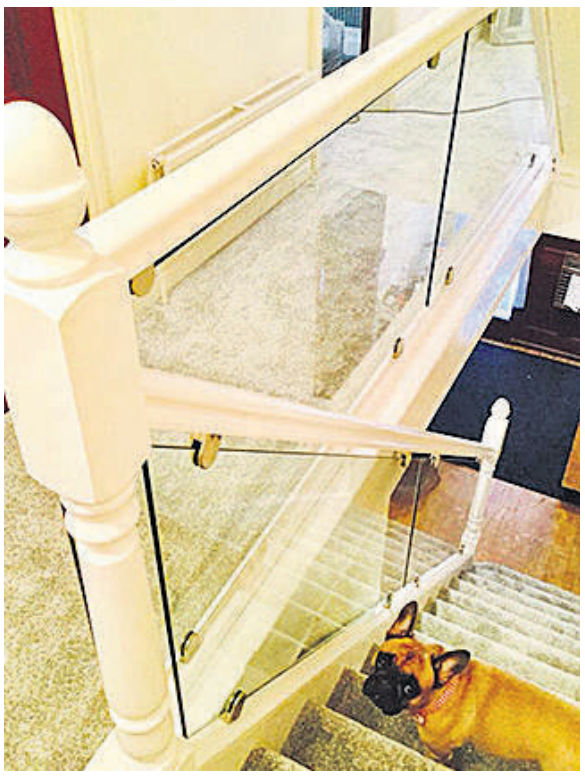

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‘Right to speak’ reminder for West Lancs residents at council meetings

WEST Lancs council is reminding residents that they can give their views on matters to be discussed at borough council meetings.

The council says that people living in the borough have the chance to speak on certain agenda items at council meetings where important decisions are made that affect people across the borough.

In addition to those arrangements in place for speaking at Planning and Licensing Committees, there is also an opportunity to speak on items being considered at meetings of Cabinet, Audit & Governance Committee, Standards Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

The right to speak applies to all meetings of the above committees mentioned but residents may wish to note the dates of upcoming meetings: Cabinet, Tuesday November 6 at 7pm; Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Thursday November 22 at 7pm; and Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Thursday December 6 at 7pm

Agendas for these meetings will usually be published on the council’s website in the week preceding the meeting. For example, the agenda for the November Cabinet meeting will be published on Monday October 29.

To request to speak, members of the public must contact Member Services with their request by 10am on the Friday of the week preceding the relevant meeting. For example, a request to speak at November Cabinet meeting must be received by 10am on November 2.

The request can be submitted by email to member.services@westlancs.gov.uk or by post to: Member Services, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, West Lancashire, L39 2DF or by calling 01695 585065.

Councillor Ian Moran, Leader of West Lancs council - ‘views of people important’.

Full details of the arrangements are provided in the Council’s Public Speaking Protocol which can be found at www.westlancs.gov.uk/speak.

Councillor Ian Moran, Leader of West Lancashire Borough Council, said: “The views of people living in West Lancashire on services provided by the council are really important to us. Please take a look at the agendas for these meetings when they are online and let us know if you want to come and speak on any of the items listed.”

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Four men arrested on suspicion of murder as body is found in house

Death of 34-year-old is being treated by police as "unexplained"

Report by **Henry James**

The man's body was found in a house on Ivydale in Skelmersdale.

Four men have been arrested on suspicion of murder over the "unexplained" death of a man whose body was found in a house by police.

Police were called at around 5.30am on Tuesday, October 23 after a 34 year old man had been found dead in a house on Ivydale in the town.

His death is currently being treated as unexplained by police and a post mortem examination will take place.

Detective Zoe Russo from Lancashire's Force Major Investigation Team (FMIT) said: "We are still in the early stages of our enquiries and at this moment our priority is establishing why this man, aged just 34, has suddenly died.

"We also need to notify the man's family who we are currently in the process of tracing.

"If you have any information that could assist our investigation, please call us urgently on 101 quoting incident reference 161 of October 23rd."

Four men aged 31, 35, 40 and 41 from Skelmersdale were arrested on suspicion of murder and are currently in police custody.

Midstream staff Rachael (left) and Danielle (right) along with Pathways to Adulthood students at their Coffee and Cake fundraising sale held at Brookfield Park primary school. With them are pupils from the school along with Tawd Vale Lions club President Thelma Jones (centre) Irene Carson and Brenda Mallory who collected a £283 cheque.

Midstream students' donation to Lions will help gym club

MIDSTREAM (West Lancs) Ltd students attended Brookfield CP School in Skelmersdale recently to present a cheque to the school's chosen charity Up Holland and Tawd Vale Lions which donate to general good causes in the local area.

In this case, the Lions have passed the donated money to Spartac Gymnastic Club, to help them in their bid to represent Great Britain at the 2019 World Gymnaestrada in Austria.

The £283 was raised by the students selling their homemade cakes and hot drinks to hungry school staff every Friday morning in the staffroom.

The students attend Midstream's Pathways to Adulthood programme and as part of their Work Experience at Brookfield Park school they work with the pupils - hearing them read and playing phonics games as well as baking, serving and tidying the library.

Ms Evans, headteacher at Brookfield Park School said: "We all look forward to the students from Midstream coming to school each Friday and their homemade cake is delicious.

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Police Commissioner wants to crackdown on cyber criminals

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, has launched a new campaign for Get Safe Online Week to help people understand the risks posed by cyber criminals.

With online crime one of the biggest challenges facing policing, 'Be Cyber Wise' highlights some of the main threats faced by individuals and organisations online using the strapline - 'Cyber scammers don't spell it out. Take a closer look'.

It also gives advice on how to protect against the wide range of techniques used by criminals to steal personal information or money.

The campaign highlights the importance of reporting all online crimes to Action Fraud, the national reporting centre for fraud and cyber crime and includes a 'risk calculator' – helping members of the public and businesses get a clearer view of what their cyber risk might be and how to improve their online security.

Clive Grunshaw, who is the National Association of Police and Crime Commissioners' Lead for Fraud and Cyber Crime, launched the county wide campaign at St George's Shopping Centre in Preston with Lancashire Constabulary and other partners, talking to members of the public about online risks and steps they can take to protect themselves.

He said: "With online crime accounting for over half of all crime committed every day and set to grow rapidly, one of the most important steps we can take is raise awareness of the risks that online criminals pose and stop the most vulnerable becoming victims.

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw at the launch of Be Cyber Wise at St George's Shopping Centre, Preston

"More and more people are regularly using the internet for an increasing range of activities, from shopping and banking to socialising and even managing home smart-systems, such as heating and appliances, remotely. As people increasingly live their lives online the risk of being victim of cyber crime increases.

"This is what Be Cyber Wise is all about, highlighting the techniques that criminals use to steal money and information so those who are most impacted, particularly older people and small and medium size businesses, know the signs and protect themselves.

"I'm proud to launch this campaign which will be supported by our cyber volunteers who continue to do fantastic work engaging at a grassroots level across the county. By working together with partners nationally and internationally, we can stay one step ahead of online criminals in the constantly evolving digital world."

Detective Inspector Andy Horne from Lancashire Constabulary said: "Lancashire Police is committed to tackling all forms of cyber crime, especially where the offenders target the most vulnerable. We focus on four Ps – Prevent, Protect, Prepare and Pursue with much of our work about educating people and enterprises around how they can make themselves more secure.

"The Constabulary also supports a network of skilled Cyber Special Cyber Volunteers who work to provide additional cyber crime resources at the local level, often running digital drop-ins where anyone with questions or concerns can receive face to face advice from a skilled digital volunteer."

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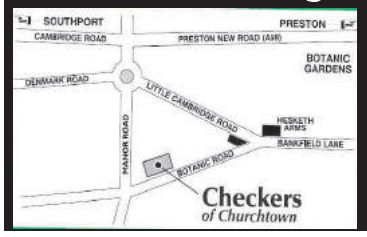

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Hospitals to hold memorial service for people wishing to remember loved ones

Report by **Henry James**

Rev Martin Abrams

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk hospitals are holding a church memorial service next month for anyone wishing to remember a loved one.

The service will be held at Marshside Road Methodist Church, Southport, at 10.30am on Sunday, November 4.

Anybody wishing to remember loved ones is welcome to attend.

The service will be led by the Rev Martin Abrams and the Rev Jan Fraser from the Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Service.

Dr Karen Groves, Consultant in Palliative Medicine, will also be taking part.

Rev Abrams said: "There are many ways people like to remember loved ones. This is a warm invitation to come along for anyone who would wish to do it in the context of a church service. We hope the time together will be gentle, supportive and encouraging.

"There will be different ways of remembering, including the opportunity to light a candle of remembrance, place a flower of remembrance and tie a ribbon in memory of someone special on the tree of remembrance."

After the service, there will be time for reflection, conversation and refreshments.

The church is near the corner of Marshside Road and Cambridge Road. Parking is available in the car park from the Radnor Drive entrance..

For more information, contact the Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Service on 01704 704639 or email soh-tr.chaplains@nhs.net

● *The chaplaincy service will also hold a baby remembrance service at Ormskirk hospital at 6.30pm on Wednesday, December 5. More details will be published nearer the time.*

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Why are 'garden villages' not districts of Skelmersdale

Regarding the plans published in the Skelmersdale Champion newspaper on behalf of West Lancashire Borough Council.

It seems residential areas between Aughton and Ormskirk are to be built, so enlarging the urban area and the combined populations. Whereas the other large residential growth will not be part of Skelmersdale, but will be three so-called garden villages.

It seems that in a swoop by the planners the power of population moves from Skelmersdale to Ormskirk.

Why are these garden villages not districts of Skelmersdale?

What is the reason for the building of three villages as separate entities - it makes no sense unless there is political subterfuge at work.

Skelmersdale needs to be allowed to grow and the planned garden villages should be a part of its natural growth. With the villages of the Local Plan being put forward it only goes to prove West Lancashire Borough Council's complete disregard for the former new town.

I for one, think the three villages plan stinks to high heaven and I certainly would not agree to any part of it.

I see no future for Skelmersdale if the garden villages plan gets the go-ahead.

William Clarke
Skelmersdale resident

We are being let down by party politics in West Lancs

Is it only me that feels party led politics has had its day when decisions being made are based more on undermining the opposition, rather than representing those who elected them into office.

The Local Plan Review, currently set to impact all our lives for the next 30 years, can be no better demonstration of how our own council is more inclined to protect the interests of Sefton and profit hungry land owners and developers than they are to protect the well being of the people of West Lancashire.

The overwhelming evidence from our council's own consultations so far indicate strong support for the protection of the Green Belt and our beautiful rural heritage and natural environment, and yet the preferred option of our council is to forego this in favour of our neighbouring boroughs' needs rather than those of our own towns and villages.

People have lost faith and confidence in our councillors' ability to represent our best interests, undermining the very essence of democracy in favour of self serving agendas.

For my own small contribution to this democracy we purport to believe in, I shall in future be looking to support those candidates who can truly represent local views and be independent of any party dictate and political point scoring.

Let Down of West Lancashire

PICTURE of the week

Fun and fitness combined with fundraising as Maghull Health Studio members took part in a two hour session of Boogie Bounce last Saturday in aid of Woodlands Hospice. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Some people just can't stop complaining

As an avid reader of the Champion I can't help but question if there is something inherently wrong with large groups of West Lancashire residents who just can't stop complaining.

Over the past few years the Champion has reported on community groups opposing various altruistically motivated schemes to improve our semi-rural environment - such as one group of people in Aughton opposing the desires of property developers to turn some old farm land into a housing estate; then there's those who stopped some solar panel farms being built just because they would have ruined some more old farm land.

Then there are those that have fought for years against the eminently sensible move to fill holes in the ground with commercial waste, just because there might be a chance something nasty might leak into the land or water supply.

Finally - and perhaps the best example - is the various groups campaigning against 'fracking.' They would be better trying to think of ways to utilise tap water that can be ignited.. perhaps it could even boil itself!

Anyway what is obvious about all of these people is that they (probably) live in nice houses in nice areas that they think they are entitled to keep just because they have worked all their lives, scrimping and saving to buy.

They pretend to be concerned about preserving the environment and keeping agricultural land for farming etc but we have loads of land. We produce almost fifty percent of all the food we need in this country and we can always buy the rest.

Next thing you know they will all be complaining about the plan to build another 16,000 houses on farm land for people from outside the area.

I think they need to get a hobby.

Dave from Aughton
Name, address supplied

Benefits hard to see in Burscough

With regard to the statement 'Burscough has really benefited from its developments' made by J.Myers in the Champion.

Since the adoption of the current Local Plan in 2013 Burscough has actually suffered from:-

1. Increased frequency of flooding events, with no prospect of any significant improvement in the medium to long term future.

2. Reduced/lack of maintenance by Lancashire County Council (LCC) on the A59 and 5209 have left certain sections in a dangerous condition together with a poor regime of gully cleaning which adds to surface water flooding. This is in addition to increased congestion.

3. Closure of the interchange building at Burscough Bridge station and the loss of a direct service to Manchester Piccadilly and the airport. On top of this commuters have suffered a spring and summer of misery through train cancellations and bus replacements.

4. Closure of the police station and a complete lack of a visible police presence.

5. Funding cuts, again by LCC, have led to reduced services for the elderly in sheltered accommodation.

6. Reduced health care services and no increase in school capacity.

These are just a few examples, I could go on.

We now have the Local Plan Review, which is actually a very significant addition to the currently adopted plan, and the controlling Labour group at Borough Council are trotting out the same tired promises that their predecessors did prior to the 2013 adoption. It is fair to say that maybe the only improvements made in the last five years have been through the hard work and diligence of Burscough Parish Council and certain voluntary groups.

I would agree with the sentiment in the article that residents should get involved with the consultation and hope against hope that, this time, the Borough Council will actually listen.

Cllr.Brian Bailey,
Burscough.

In a muddle over recycling

"Reminder to order free recycling bins" stated a recent report in the Champion.

That was news to me.

I've not had any information from the borough council about waste since they stopped sending out recycling calendars years ago.

I now see the handy blue bag I keep indoors for waste paper will no longer be accepted and the paper will have to go in the big blue wheelie bin outside. Hardly convenient.

My neighbours, I notice, put out less recycling than they used to. In fact, Lancashire is the only part of the UK where recycling rates have actually fallen. Shameful!

We get very little encouragement to recycle and I, for one, am confused.

Which plastics are OK to recycle?

Do I leave the coloured tops on plastic bottles?

Do I tear out the plastic windows from envelopes?

Is paper OK if it has a sticky address label on it?

Beer bottle caps are metal - do they want those or are they too small to process?

Should I strip the film sleeves off bottles of squash and detergent?

I know that many recyclable materials are incinerated if the recycling contractor used by a council does not have the right equipment to process them. They claim that creates 'green energy' - it does not.

Also putting the "wrong" materials into a load of recycling will reduce the value or even condemn a whole load to incineration or landfill.

It's high time both the borough and county councils put a lot more effort into promoting recycling, providing clear guidance to residents and making recycling as easy as possible.

Adrian Tayler,
Skelmersdale
(former Secretary of the North West Waste Forum and member of the Cumbria County Council Waste Strategy Committee)

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Aughton's green and pleasant land - see letter below

Proposals will destroy environment

The Labour Council's proposal to build thousands of houses for Merseyside on Aughton's green fields will destroy our environment along with irreplaceable natural habitats.

The picture of grazing wild geese taken this week on one of the designated fields bordered by Prescot Road and Parrs Lane speaks volumes.

Saddened,
Aughton

Parking issue has fallen on deaf ears

Further to the comments printed in the Champion in the last two weeks regarding parking around Edge Hill University, I would like to add my own comments.

Previous to this year's new term, I too have reported the issue to the council and to the Highways department.

I was informed that this matter is for the police to bring any prosecutions as it is not the role of traffic wardens, nor the highways dept.

The police have stated that they do not have the manpower to enforce any traffic fines, therefore it seems motorists can just park as they wish without any penalties.

This is a very dangerous issue as in parts of St Helens Road they are even parking illegally on both sides of this busy road.

Cars are parked bumper to bumper and there is no space for pedestrians to walk on the pavements.

This issue has fallen on deaf ears. Perhaps, if residents petitioned for the appropriate authority to take action over this, it might get resolved sooner than later.

Concerned resident.
Ormskirk

Dreamer brought a smile to my face

Mr Barrie French, I'm loving your dream *(Champ letters)* so much so that I'm thinking of writing a musical.

I hope it's okay if I edit a little and give an encore about a vision of Harry Potter waving his wand and all the pot holes and badly kept pavements being zoomed up and replaced.

Oh, and my five year old son hurt his little hand on the hole in a broken bus shelter window that's at Ormskirk bus station (it's still not fixed and waiting to hurt other little hands).

From all the dreamers out there you made me smile.

Janet Ingman,
Ormskirk

My dream turned into a nightmare!

In response to Barrie French's letter in last week's Champion, I also had a dream - well actually it was a nightmare!

I dreamt that more traffic calmers had been placed along Southport Road in order to shake patients to death on their way to hospital; also a gang of workers were seen planting weeds on the firestation roundabout in Ormskirk; and ten more properties are up for grabs as student accommodation in the town centre.

John M Brown,
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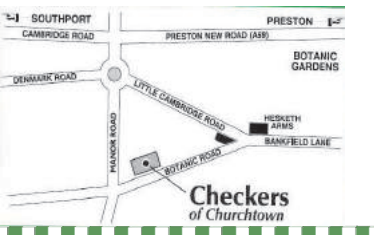

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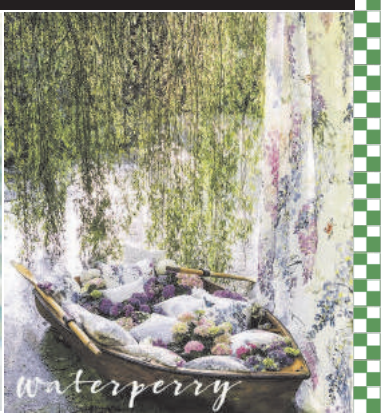

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Arresting sight for local brownies!

BROWNIES had a taste of police custody in more ways than one during a tour of Skelmersdale Police Station.

Brownie Owl, Sandy Smith, leader of 4th Parbold & Dalton Brownies, said there was much amusement when she accidentally locked up one of the other owls plus several brownies in one of the cells.

"Fortunately the custody sergeant was on hand to set them free again!" she said.

The brownies sampled prison food and were shown inside a large police van complete with riot gear. They also saw all the different blue lights and sirens in action and were able to sit in a police car as well as trying out a police motor bike.

"They really enjoyed their visit, learned a lot about policing work and were very grateful to all the officers who came along to talk to them," Sandy Smith said.

Organisations interested in providing other opportunities for the girls to enjoy should contact Sandy Smith on 01257 463407.

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A brownie tries out a motorbike at Skelmersdale Police Station.

Have your say on how property levy should be spent in the borough

Report by **Kenny Parker**

RESIDENTS are being given the chance to have a say on how West Lancashire Borough Council should spend money raised from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

CIL allows the council to raise funds from developers who are undertaking new building projects in the borough.

The money the council collects must be used to pay for a wide range of infrastructure needed to support new development across the borough. This can include open spaces, parks, play areas, outdoor sports facilities, playing pitches, cycle paths, footpaths, and community facilities.

In recent years the council has given funding towards helping a wide range of projects, including:

- *The Tawd Valley Park Masterplan proposals*
- *Improvements to a stretch of canal towpath between Burscough Wharf and Glovers Swing Bridge near Lathom*
- *The renovation and the extension of Mere Sands Wood Visitor Centre, Holmeswood*

Government legislation sets out how and where the council must use the monies.

The council will save the bulk of the monies to fund larger, costlier projects in the future, but each year will allocate up to £100,000 to be spent in the next financial year. The council wants to know people's views on how some of this money it has collected should be spent in the 2018/19 financial year.

The council has shortlisted a number of suitable projects from a much larger list of almost 100 potential schemes. The projects are: £60,000 for improvements to Hunters Hill Country Park, Parbold; £40,000 for improvements to Cheshire Lines Path, Downholland; £31,000 for improvements to Sluice Lane Public Right Of Way, Rufford.

The council want to know whether people support CIL funding being spent on these projects. Or people can tell the authority why they think any other projects listed at www.westlancs.gov.uk/CFP should be considered for funding in 2019/20 or even suggest their own ideas for suitable projects.

Exciting

A smaller amount of the monies which the council collects must be used in the area local to where the money was collected from. This ensures CIL money is spent directly where development takes place. Usually, these local monies are given to the parish council who decide how to use them in their local area but some areas, like Ormskirk, do not have parish councils, so the council must decide how to spend those CIL monies in that local area. The proposed Ormskirk projects are as follows:

- *£30,000 for improvements at Coronation Park*
- *£40,000 for play area improvements at Thompson Avenue*
- *£50,000 for traffic signal co-ordination improvements in Ormskirk Town Centre*
- *£32,000 for improving a cycle and pedestrian link between the rail station and bus station in Ormskirk Town Centre*

Councillor John Hodson, cabinet member for planning, said: "CIL money can help make some exciting projects a reality and the council really wants to hear what the public thinks, so please take part in this consultation."

Comments on the consultations can be sent anytime between now and Friday, November 9.

People can submit their views online or by completing a comments form that is available at www.westlancs.gov.uk/CFP or in local libraries and returning it to the council by email to CIL@westlancs.gov.uk or post to CIL Officer, Development and Regeneration Service, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby St, Ormskirk, L39 2DF.

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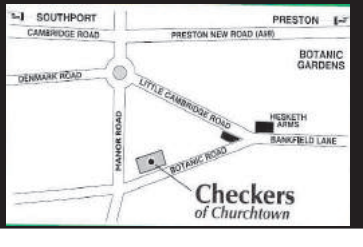

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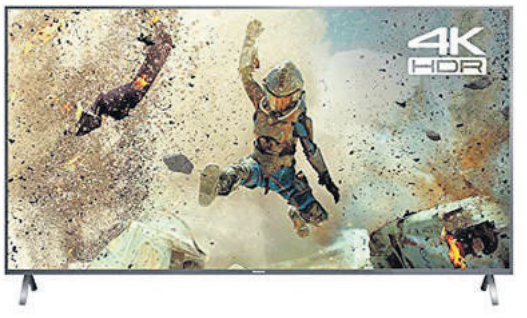

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Lorna's first short film in line for more accolades

Lorna McCoid

A TWENTY year old budding film director's first short film has reached the finals of the Oniros Film Awards.

Lorna McCoid, a former Greenbank High School pupil, wrote The Art Collector as a sci-fi film which explores the use of artificial intelligence. It is set in the North West, with many of the crew involved in the filming from Southport.

She has also been awarded an Honourable Mention for Best First Time Director at the Oniros Film Awards in Italy, the finals of which will be held in June.

As reported recently in the Southport Champion, the film has also reached the semi-finals of the Los Angeles CineFest in January. But before the glamour of Hollywood, Lorna's 'The Art Collector' will be screened on November 12 at the Great Northern Expo at Media Factory in Preston to give people in Sefton and West Lancashire the chance to see it for themselves.

CAMRA to hold first beer and cider festival in town for three years

SOUTHPORT beer and cider festival returns to the town this week after a break of three years.

The event is being held in the St John Ambulance hall, Wright Street, from 6pm to 11pm tomorrow (Thursday) and mid-day to 11pm on Friday and Saturday.

The event is the 17th CAMRA festival, having appeared at the Southport Arts Centre and the Scarisbrick Hotel in the past and is once again organised by Doug Macadam and his trusty team of CAMRA loyal helpers from the local branch.

Southport event gets underway this week

There will be around 60 real ales and ciders, from many regions as well as the local ales that always prove popular.

Real cider and perry, including fruity ones (perry is similar to cider but with pears as the main ingredient) will also be available to tipple.

Wines and prosecco will be available, with organisers saying there is something to 'satisfy most drinkers'.

Hot and cold food, and festival glasses which people can either keep as a souvenir or return for a refund, will be available.

On the Thursday evening, CAMRA Southport and West Lancs Branch will be presenting the pub and licensee awards.

Live entertainment is planned for the Friday and Saturday evenings, with afternoon sessions designated as quieter for those who prefer a more serene drinking experience.

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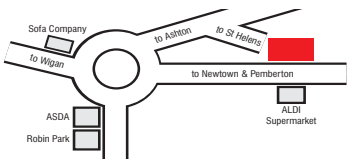

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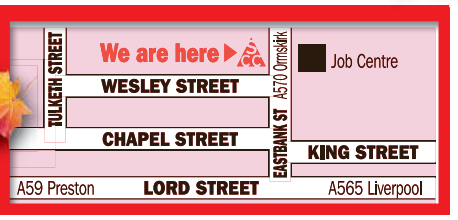

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Some reasons why November is the brightest month for me

NOW we are fast approaching November - the month in which I was born - which makes me a Scorpio though I'm not at all sure what kind of man that should make me.

I have a theory that you have some kind of affinity with the month in which you celebrate your birthday.

Certainly, of all the generally cold and damp months of winter - and yes, I am aware that November is for some reason I cannot fathom still supposed to be autumn - I certainly like November the most.

I have fond memories of taking a regular holiday in November on my good old wooden motor cruiser, Manxman, in Norfolk.

November can provide some really stunning days. It is certainly getting cooler, but the month can provide some glorious days of brilliant sunshine.

And it can really be smashing cruising down the river with the last of the autumnal leaves still clinging to the trees and fresh air in your lungs.

On the other hand I honestly do enjoy those chill, damp evenings that November can provide.

When I was a schoolboy, my dad and mum used to take me and my brother George to a cafe in London Road, Liverpool for what was my then favourite meal. Eggs and chips.

And one of my abiding memories is standing in the drizzle outside the cafe (while my parents paid), marvelling at the trams making their way to the Pier Head with the tracks glistening in the street lights and flashes occasioned by the cold and damp from the trams' overhead power collectors.

Another lasting memory was when I invited a friend along as well and because the salt and sugar cellars on the table looked very much alike, poured sugar all over his meal.

Actually, I can't remember whether Bob ate it or not!

Once old enough to have started work, and living in a bed-sit in Crosby, I started a new birthday tradition of going off to the Isle of Man for the event.

And that too was great - quite apart from the fact that off-season you could get very cheap first class hotel accommodation (the only other visitors appeared to be tractor salesmen) and similarly cheap car hire.

But again the weather made the greatest impression.

I remember one year when my brother and I were staying in a pub in Castletown, watching huge rollers breaking over the sea wall and another strolling through the sunlit Groudle Glen.

Most strange though was the year when my dad came along and one glorious frosty morning under clear blue skies, we took the bus over to Peel - probably about 20 miles as the crow flies.

In Peel, snow was falling from a leaden sky and there were inches of snow on the ground.

After a pit stop in a local hostelry we boarded the bus back to the capital, Douglas, (where that year we had made our base) - and guess what?

Yep, dry streets and blue skies.

Well that's the magical Isle of Man - and November - for you.

Then there was the year when, with brother George, we visited a pub. quaintly name The Duck's Nest, which was right by the IOM steam railway station.

A woman was celebrating her 21st birthday and a young man was trying to impress her. Despite her protests, he bought a large bottle of champagne which he presented to her.

She then proceeded to walk around the pub, pouring the expensive but unwanted drink into fellow customer's glasses.

I have no idea if bitter beer and champagne is a recognised tipple - but I'll tell you what, it ain't half bad!

So November certainly holds a lot of great memories for me.

Even the watch I wear, which dates from the first year after we bought 'Manxman' was presented to me by my late mum on our first cruise - for my November birthday.

West Lancs Borough Council ranger Hannah and community volunteers from the Co-operative Bank

Co-op back staff help spruce up Tawd Valley

STAFF from the Co-operative Bank in Skelmersdale have been helping the Country Park Rangers with a project to regenerate the Tawd Valley Park.

The group worked to rebuild steps used by walkers and also helped with litter picking on Tuesday, October 16.

Helen Owen from the Co-operative Bank said: "It was a great experience and brilliant for team building. It was good to help out with the Tawd Valley Park and we had some fine weather as well.

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Mayor invited to celebrate Bootle's 150th birthday

MAYOR of West Lancashire Councillor Noel Delaney has accepted a civic invitation to Bootle Town Hall, Sefton, to celebrate Bootle's 150th birthday.

Hosted by the Mayor of Sefton the event, taking place on Saturday, October 27, is called 150th Celebration Evening of Bootle.

The following day the mayor will be joined by Mayoress Mrs Ann Stubbert for a Pause for Hope service, hosted by the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation, at Christ The King Liverpool Metropolitan Cathdedral.

Thanksgiving service at Parbold Christ Church

CHRIST Church Parbold is holding a special service of thanksgiving and remembrance for those who have lost loved ones, on Sunday, November 4, at 3pm.

The 'gentle and reflective' service is a chance to remember and give thanks for their lives.

All are welcome whether the funeral for the deceased was held at Christ Church or somewhere else.

The service will last about 45 minutes and will feature well known hymns and music. There will be an opportunity to light a candle and have the name of the person remembered read out.

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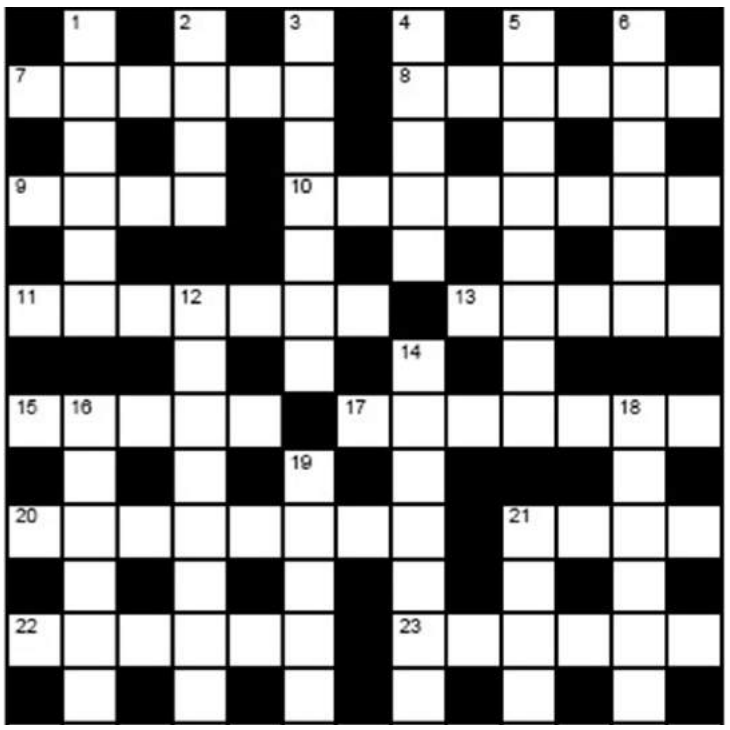

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Far off. 8. Orator. 9. Sash. 10. Implicit. 11. On paper. 13. Omega. 15. Oriel. 16. Cat's eye. 18. Cornwall. 19. Rent. 21 Tinsel. 22 Abound.

Down: 1. Gala. 2. Hotheadedness. 3. Officer. 4. Poppy. 5. Magic mushroom. 6. Lovingly. 12. Narcosis. 14 Railway. 17. Vault. 20 None.

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ACROSS

7. Make or become wider, larger or more open (6)
8. Jinx, bad luck or the cause of it (6)
9. Entreaty (4)
10. Force someone to join a ship's crew by underhand means; major Chinese city (8)
11. List individually (7)
13. Most widely spoken language in India (5)
15. Make amends (5)
17. Repugnance, strong aversion (7)
20. Placed in a certain position or circumstance (8)
21. Sliding bar and socket used to lock a door or gate (4)
22. Filled with horror or shock (6)
23. Avoid using, abstain from (6)

DOWN

1. Fleshy boneless piece of meat from near the loins or the ribs of an animal (6)
2. Ditch with a wall on inner side below ground level, forming a boundary to a park or garden without interrupting the view (2-2)
3. Continue in an opinion or action despite opposition or obstacles (7)
4. Small glass bottle especially used for liquid medicine (5)
5. Act of expelling air from the lungs with a sharp sound (8)
6. Person lacking courage (6)
12. Of or involving one ear (8)
14. Wrongdoing, crime (7)
16. Sharp, momentary localised pain (6)
18. Precious metal atomic symbol AG (6)
19. A nation (5)
21. The male of various animals or a slang term for a US dollar (4)

Posties called on to help tackle social isolation

Report by **Tom Martin**

A PIONEERING scheme to help combat social isolation by asking postal workers to check on lonely pensioners, will be trialled for the first time in north Liverpool and if successful could be rolled out to Sefton and West Lancashire.

The Government initiative will be tested in the Walton and Everton areas and will involve Royal Mail delivery staff calling on over 65s who sign up to participate, as part of their usual delivery rounds.

If successful, the pilot scheme, called 'Safe and Connected' could be extended to other areas of the country.

The postal workers will ask a standard set of questions to assess individual need, with the council analysing the results and directing the individual as necessary to friends, family, neighbours or local voluntary sector services.

The aim is to reduce the risk of loneliness, as well as addressing other needs and issues - and will initially be limited to 100 people.

Postal workers will be asked to call on certain residents

Liverpool City Councillor Paul Brant, Cabinet member for adult social care, said: "We are pleased to be part of this pilot scheme, which is not just aimed at tackling loneliness but also about identifying when people may need more support and help.

"Postal staff are a trusted part of the local community, particularly for older people, which makes them ideal for this scheme.

"We have an increasingly older population and many do not have family living locally who are able to visit as often as they would like.

"We will work to carefully identify those who will benefit most from this project and feedback to Government in monitoring its success." Mark Kempster, Royal Mail Liverpool North Delivery Office Manager said: "Our postmen and women develop a lot of knowledge about the local area and the people who live there.

"At Royal Mail, we're always happy to pitch in, in an emergency, but it can be more difficult to know how to help when you feel that people are lonely or isolated. We are really pleased to be doing our bit to help look out for our customers' well-being and help put them in touch with local support services if they need it."

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Biodiversity Breakfast Club to put critters on the menu!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancashire Wildlife and Edge Hill University's Biology department have teamed up for the autumn season of Biodiversity Breakfast Club, which is open to the public and features pond life and bugs.

Organisers say there's nothing to worry about - because the critters are not actually on the breakfast menu! Instead they will be researching and finding out more about bugs and pond life.

The first session is on pond life on Saturday, October 27.

Led by Helen Greaves, this is based on work to restore old marl pit ponds, located on farmland in Halsall, to their former glory.

Marl is a clay-like substance that was unearthed and dug out in the 17th and 18th centuries for use as an early soil improver and fertiliser.

Although many marl pits still remain in West Lancashire they are mostly overgrown with trees.

This is the second year of the Lancashire Great Twin Pond Dig and the aim of the project is to raise awareness of these old, historical marl pits and to demonstrate the benefit of pond restoration to wildlife in farmland.

As a consequence of the project native pond plants have returned and dragonflies are now breeding.

Landowner Chris Molyneux is keen to spread the positive message to other farmers: "Before this project started, I had never even entered the pond basin as it was so overgrown!

Edge Hill University staff and students along with West Lancashire Wildlife have been helping to restore marl pit ponds to their former glory.

"Over the summer it has been wonderful to see the plants and animals visiting the ponds and it's great to improve a habitat for them within my farmland."

The Biodiversity Breakfast Club is free to the local community. Go to wlwbbc.eventbrite.co.uk to book a place or email helen.greaves.11@ucl.ac.uk if you would volunteer on the ongoing monitoring of the ponds.

Further sessions based on the restoration work include an introduction to flies, by Alan Bedford, on Saturday, November 10, and a look at spiders with Rich Burkmar on Sunday, November 25.

Each of the events will commence at 9am with breakfast and closing by 12:30pm.

West Lancashire Wildlife runs wildlife talks at Edge Hill University throughout the year and farmer Chris will be speaking about his work in June 2019. For information on all their events go to www.westlancswildlife.org.uk

Parents join their children in the classroom for a special lesson!

PARENTS and carers were invited to join their children for their "wake up and shake up" session at Portico West End nursery On World Mental Health Awareness Day.

The nursery, which is located in grounds of West End Primary School, Ormskirk, says the sessions help children to express their emotions each morning.

They learn stretching and breathing techniques to help them remain relaxed and calm.

It is a time the children love, Portico says, adding that mental health and wellbeing is a priority for the children, families and team at Portico Nursery Group.

Parent Suzanne Connell said: "I love how the staff at Portico not only educate our children, but also look after their physical and mental wellbeing and that of the parents as well through occasions like this."

Some of the nursery's staff have recently completed a qualification in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health to support children's self esteem and resilience.

LYPA celebrates its 25th birthday.

LYPA leader looks back on 25 years of performances

LANCASHIRE Youth Performing Arts has celebrated its 25th year.

The performing arts group, which meets at Edge Hill University, enjoyed a celebratory bash at Hurlston Hall to mark the occasion.

Principal Sharon Powell said it all started when she was asked to teach a girl and some of her friends to dance in 1993. She booked a hall and from there the group grew, expanding into drama and song.

Since then, Sharon says her dance troop have performed at the Liverpool Empire and her child performers have appeared in numerous stage productions. She said: "I'd like to say thank you to everyone who has been involved. Twenty five years of doing anything is a long time, but when you enjoy what you do time flies.

"In our lifetimes, we are gifted with a limited number of landmark moments and I felt that the big celebration of 25 years that we had at Hurlston Hall was one of those, it was a night to remember for all involved. I have been fortunate to experience so many highs through LYPA, so many memories.

"Because of the constant support from so many, I am able to continue a job I love surrounded by people who inspire me, motivate me and make me feel very proud."

If anyone would like to join LYPA and be part of the next 25 years, contact Sharon on: 07801 965 104.

Sharon Powell celebrates 25 years of LYPA.

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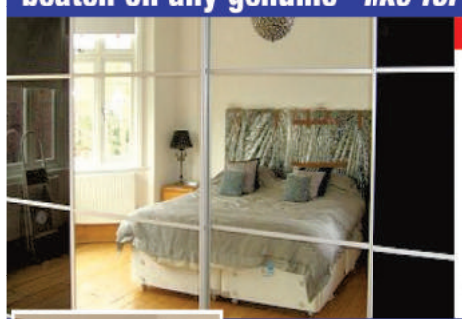

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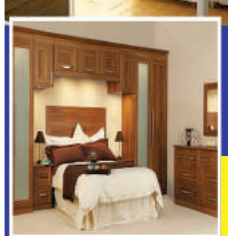

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MPs under scrutiny for free trips abroad

NEW figures show that in the last two years Members of Parliament have racked up more than £2m worth of free trips abroad.

Report by **Henry James**

Locally, West Lancashire, Labour MP Rosie Cooper went on one trip to Taiwan costing £5,000 while in neighbouring Southport, Conservative MP Damien Moore went on two trips - to Taiwan and Israel/Palestinian territories costing £8,150.

Sefton Central Labour MP Bill Esterson did not go on any trips paid for by businesses or foreign governments, the report compiled by the BBC stated, while Bootle MP Peter Dowd went on one trip to China at a cost of £2,267.

More than half the trips MPs went on were paid for by foreign governments. Saudi Arabia spent more than any other governement, the broadcaster's analysis of Parliament's expenses register reveals.

Rosie Cooper MP

A total of 810 visits were recorded by 340 MPs in the years either side of the 2017 general election. Ministerial costs or trips taken as part of NATO and the Council of Europe delegations are not included in these figures.

In total Conservative MPs enjoyed £1.3m worth of travel and Labour members had £630,000 worth of travel. Members from other parties took less than £200,000 worth of travel.

MPs are often invited by organisations and governments on paid-for visits overseas. Visits can be because of the role an MP plays in an international organisation and are a legitimate part of their duties.

Israel and the Palestinian territories was the most poplar choice by MPs (102 visits between May 2, 2016 and June 18, 2018). The USA was next (57), and then Germany (49).

Cabinet minister Andrew Mitchell, who is the MP for Sutton Coldfield, registered the single most expensive trip, when he travelled to Washington DC (£21,157).

The trips were all declared by members under the register of interest.

The BBC reported Rachel Davies Teka, head of advocacy at Transparency International UK, as commenting that the figures represented 'an obvious risk of undue influence over our democratic processes'.

The organisation wants a ban on foreign government-sponsored travel by MPs

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Temporary Staffing Team with manager Wendy Simpson holding their award

NHS Trust team awarded for staff support

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust's Temporary Staffing Team has won the Improving Working Lives award at this year's Allocate Awards.

The Allocate Awards are said to celebrate and reward those in the NHS who have made a difference, whether to patients, colleagues, their organisation, or to the wider health service.

The Temporary Staffing Team in Lancashire was recognised for its work in providing the best opportunities for staff to work flexibly around their commitments using the Allocate Software systems.

The team says it has been working hard to develop the full capability of the Allocate system in order to provide a wide range of opportunities for substantive staff who wish to work additional shifts.

The team's overall objective was to increase the fairness of access to work, raise staff morale and provide a single route of access to different types of work to meet individuals' preferences.

The successful implementation of the new system has meant that the trust has increased its bank fill rates, meaning that there are more, regular staff working for the Trust resulting in consistent and improved care for our patients.

Wendy Simpson, Temporary Staffing Manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust said:"We are delighted to have received the Improving Working Lives Award at this year's Allocate Awards. The team have been working extremely hard to ensure that staff across the organisation have the best possible opportunities and that the systems we have in place mean that staff can work flexibly around their commitments."

Zuber Patel, Senior Matron at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust said:"Bank staff are the resource that keeps our patients safe when the going gets tough. We rely on them to be compassionate with patients but we get the flexibility to deploy them where we need them most.

"The Temporary Staffing Team always keep us updated when there are issues and if we ever need them they are available to help. The systems are excellent because it is transparent and that means we can do so much more than before with the same number of staff."

The winners were revealed at a ceremony at Old Trafford Cricket Ground in Manchester.

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Emergency services vow to tackle illegal bonfires and any anti-social behaviour

LOCALS are being reminded to stay safe during Bonfire Night as emergency services prepare to tackle unauthorised bonfires and anti-social behaviour.

West Lancashire Borough Council, police and the fire service have action planned to help residents celebrate bonfire night safely without any problems of nuisance or dangerous behaviour.

The three partners have worked together over the last 14 years and have significantly reduced the number of unauthorised bonfires.

The partners want to continue reducing the number of problems even further, and are advising residents to take care of their wheeled bins, and store them, where possible in a secure location.

The council is encouraging residents to present their bins to be emptied prior to Bonfire Night so that there is minimal waste around. Residents will have to pay the cost of replacing any wheeled bins that are lost or damaged.

Officers will be looking out for anyone using Bonfire Night as an excuse to dump waste and will not hesitate to take appropriate action. The maximum fine for fly-tipping materials is £50,000.

Councillor Kevin Wilkie, West Lancashire Borough Council cabinet member for street scene, said: "We want to ensure this year's Bonfire Night is just as safe and enjoyable as previous years. We work closely with partners to combat anti-social behaviour and to remove any bonfires that do not comply with the rules on council sites."

In Skelmersdale, bonfires will only be allowed at eight specially designated sites owned by the council. Bonfires can be built and lit from 4.30pm on Monday, November 5.

The sites are: Abbeystead (on the right hand side on the grassed area); Alderley (on the left hand side on the grass by the subway to Pimbo); Bankfield (left hand side on the grass); Evington (left hand side by the play area); Eskbank (grassed area at the entrance); Hallcroft Field (grassed area by the play area); The Winsters (grassed area on right hand side); Railway Road (grassed area to the rear of Woodrow).

Mark Winder, station manager for the West Lancashire Borough, said: "We are well prepared for Bonfire Night and enjoy an extremely productive relationship with our partner agencies.

"This enables us to implement our fire safety and fire prevention strategies to best effect."

West Lancashire Police Partnerships Inspector, Chief Inspector Ian Jones, added: "We will be working with other agencies to successfully tackle crime and anti-social behaviour on Bonfire Night and in the weeks leading up to it.

"We will deal robustly with anyone we find engaging in such behaviour."

If residents have concerns about a bonfire before it is lit they should contact the council on 01695 577177 between 9am and 5pm.

If a bonfire has been lit outside the permitted times, is dangerous, or on private land, please dial 999 and ask for the police and fire service.

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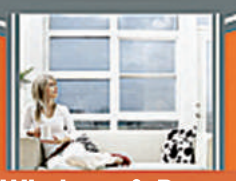

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Call for more charge points to meet demand for electric vehicles

Report by **Kenny Parker**

AS RESEARCH shows that nearly 20% of people in West Lancs are considering buying an electric car, independent car buying website *carwow* says that the government and local authorities are not prepared for the 'green revolution' and need to provide more charge points.

Research by *carwow* shows that 18% of those questioned in the borough would buy an electric car in the next two years.

The number one barrier to making the change, however, is the lack of charging points, which was cited as concern by 67%, followed by the price (60%) and 'range anxiety' - the fear that one charge wouldn't get drivers where they need to go (55%).

Following its research, which produced similar results in other areas of the UK, *carwow* says that the government and local authorities need to work together to provide the infrastructure to meet the increasing need for electric cars, saying that the UK is unprepared for the green revolution.

Presently England has just 13,970 charging points for its 27 million registered car owners with 1,256 points in the North West. Andrew Hooks, at *carwow*, said: "Urgent action is required from our government, to invest in the infrastructure needed to allow Britain to embrace the electric revolution.

"We've seen the demand for electric and plug-in hybrid increase significantly across the UK's major cities, as consumers are becoming more aware of green alternatives in everyday life.

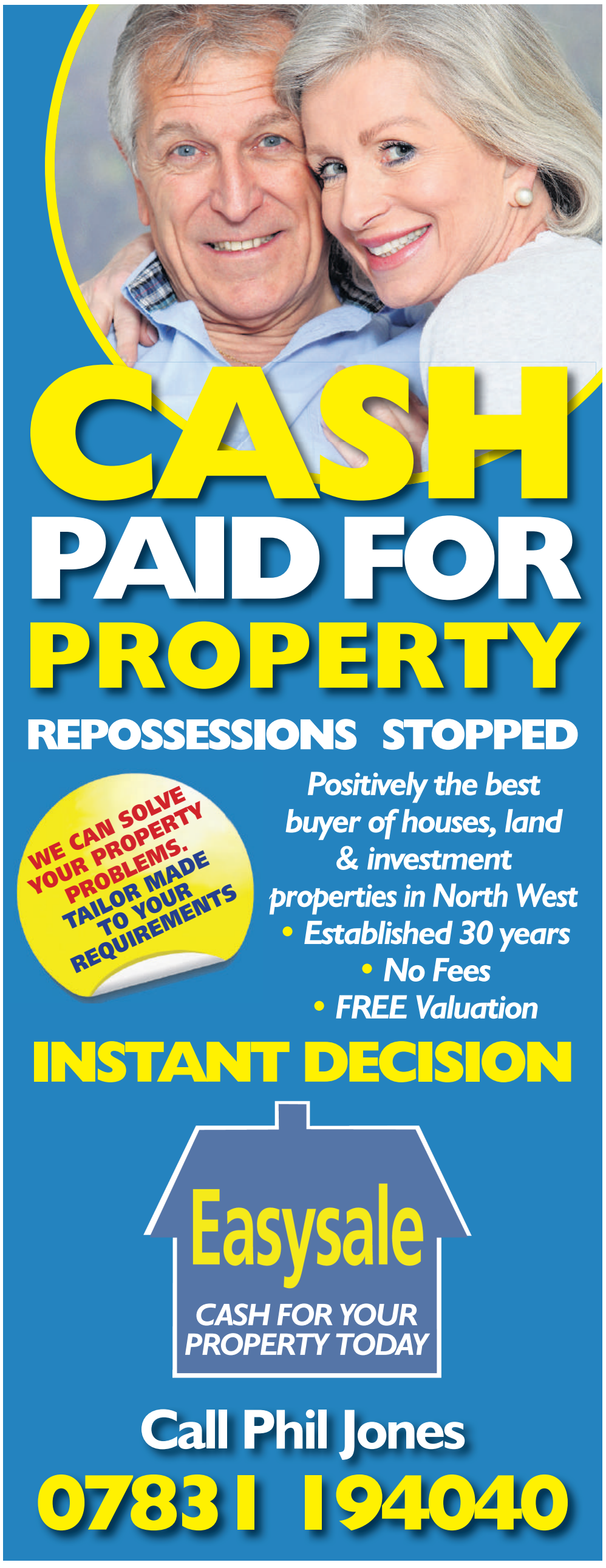
"However, if we fail to plan for the infrastructure required, drivers will be further discouraged from adopting more eco-friendly models, when in reality the time is right to capitalise on public appetite. A joined up approach from the motoring industry and local and central government is crucial in making it easy to own and run an electric car."

A spokesperson for the Department of Transport responded by pointing out that studies indicate the vast majority of electric vehicle drivers charge at home. As well as providing more funding for local authorities to install charging points for residents without off street parking, and a total of £240m to fund other initiatives to provide charging points, the government says Highways England has committed to ensuring there is a chargepoint every 20 miles along motorways and major A roads in England by 2020.

A spokesperson for West Lancs council said: "West Lancashire Borough Council has sought to facilitate the move from petrol/diesel cars to electric in recent years by placing two charging points on the car park at Derby Street, Ormskirk and a further two on Smithy Walk, Burscough.

"In addition to these physical works, the council, early in 2017 introduced the practice of placing a planning condition on planning permission for new residential development requiring the provision of electric vehicle charging points for each new property.

"The proposed new Local Plan for West Lancashire seeks to carry on this practice and ensure electric vehicle charging points are provided in all types of developments."



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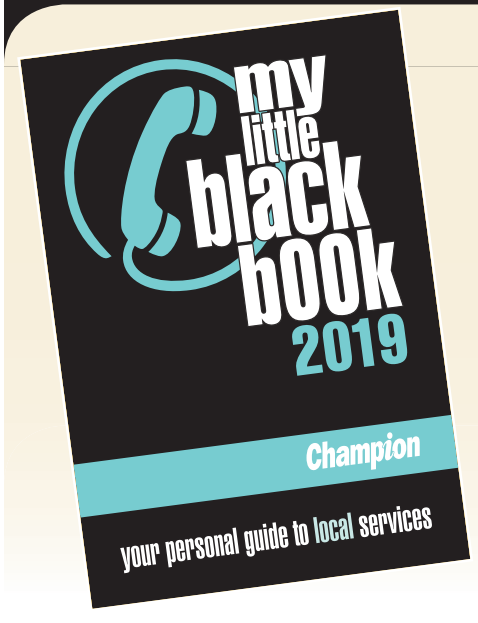

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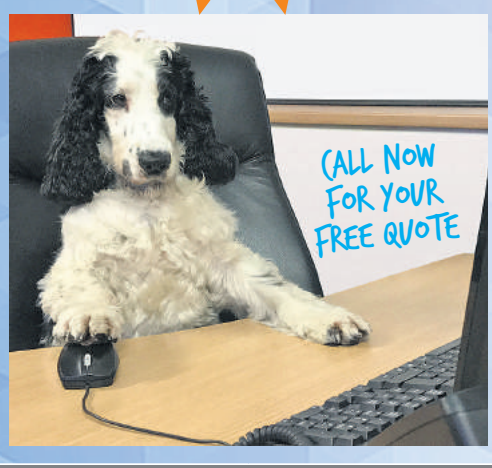

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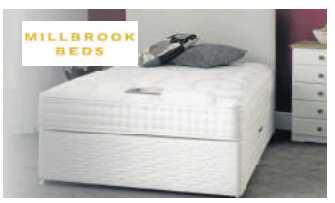

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Former Strictly star hoping to wow city audiences with show

Interview by **Henry James**

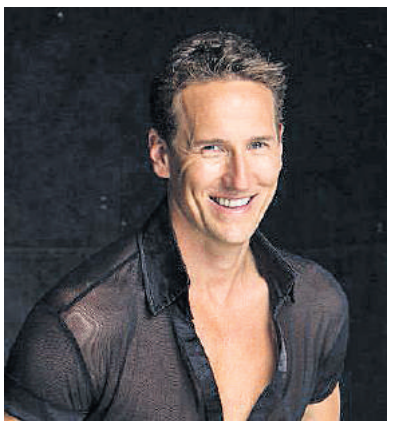
FORMER Strictly Come Dancer, Brendan Cole, will be taking to the Liverpool Empire stage with his latest spectacular production, All Night Long.

The dance and live music show will be at the city venue this Sunday, October 28.

Brendan, 42,said: "It is a full on night of entertainment and has all the dances that people love from Strictly such as the Argentine tango, the waltz, and the fox-trot. We also have the live music element, which I think is one of the things that makes Strictly so special. It gives people the chance to experience the big band feeling, which I think can be very special.

"We have 13 on stage musicians and eight professional dancers and eight professional dancers. It is a big show of live entertainment. I will be on the mic all night and talking nonsense."

All Night Long is touring across the country and Brendan explained that the show takes about a year to come together. He added: "We spend a year putting the show together and it tends to come together at the last minute. This is the third time that all Night Long has been on the road and we are putting a new show together for next year called Showman.



Brendan Cole

"It is my show and it is very important to me that every aspect is right. People have spent their hard earned money, so we want to give them a phenomenal night's entertainment."

Brendan was a professional dancer on Strictly Come Dancing for 15 years. He won the event in its first year with Natasha Kaplinsky. However he was told this year that his contract would not be renewed. He commented: "I miss aspects of Strictly Come Dancing. Every year in August before the series starts, the professional dancers used to put the dances together. I missed that this year and felt a bit left out. It was like there was a party and I was not invited, but you get over that.

"I had an incredible time on Strictly and I am proud to have been part of it for such a long time."

The show has had much publicity this year after Seann Walsh and married professional dancer Katya Jones were pictured kissing. When asked if the couple should have been allowed to continue on the show, Brendan responded: "Absolutely. What people get up to is up to them. Katya and Neil (Katya's husband who is also a Strictly star) are very good friends of mine and they are still together.

"Hopefully the people affected aren't too affected and it happened. I think we now need to move on. If we lived a perfect life and never did anything wrong, then I think we could have a judgement. I am certainly not a saint, so I can't judge."

Maggie May is an 'unforgettable play'

Review by **Ron Ellis**

Maggie May – The Musical
Royal Court Theatre, Liverpool

IF ever there was a play that epitomised everything the Royal Court Theatre stands for, this production written by Bob Eaton and Sayan Kent is it. Funny, heart-warming, exciting, fast moving and with some great music.

It also has the basis of all successful musicals, a serious backdrop to the action. In this case, women's changing place in society before and after the First World War. It is a story that captures the soul of Liverpool but not so localised it would not travel.

Just as important, there is the vital love element which captures the attention from the opening bars and could well take the West End and Broadway audiences by storm.

Christina Tedders gave a virtuoso performance as Maggie May who arrives in Liverpool from Ireland in 1911 hoping to catch a boat to New York. But her bag containing all her worldly possessions is stolen by a group of ne'er-do-wells on the docks. Stranded in Liverpool, she befriends a local lad, Charlie (Michael Fletcher) who walks out with her on a Sunday. Eventually she gets a job as a maid in a grand house where she is seduced by the rich young owner, James Campbell (Tom Connor) but she is soon back in the docks, reduced to working as a prostitute to survive.

All changes when war breaks out. Both Charlie and James go off to fight but, when the conflict is over, they find the world they return to has changed. Workers are rising against the Establishment and the unions threaten strikes. The two men represent opposite sides of that spectrum but whose side is Maggie on? Who can offer her the most? More importantly, who does she love?

With a revolving stage moving the action back and forth between the docks, the mansion and the dock-side pub, the story is told through the music, from plaintive love songs to sea shanties, from ballads to folk and ballads with the multi-talented cast playing a variety of instruments including fiddles, trumpets, saxophones, piano, drums and guitars, all under the jurisdiction of M.D. Howard Grey.

This is a musical that will become a standard for years to come, on a par with shows like Chicago and Miss Saigon. It runs until November 10 at The Royal Court. Don't miss it.

I can't wait to see the film.

Star rating 10 out of 10. An unforgettable show.

Night celebrates the biggest hits of Bacharach

FROM I Say A Little Prayer, To Close To You, The Look Of Love To Walk On By - Back To Bacharach celebrates the biggest hits of a song-writing maestro.

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Walk on By, Close to You, I Say a Little Prayer, The Look of Love, Raindrops Keep Fallin' on my Head, Make it Easy on Yourself, Do You Know the Way to San Jose, Twenty-Four Hours from Tulsa, (There's) Always Something There to Remind Me are just some of the hits that Bacharach has had.

Back to Bacharach - the biggest, hit-packed concert show on tour will be at Southport theatre on Friday, November 9 at 7.30pm.

Honouring song-writing maestro Burt Bacharach, the production features all of the three-time Academy Award winner's greatest hits, performed by four stars from London's West End and The Magic Moments Orchestra, in a 100 per cent live production.

Show producer Suzanne Howell promises that as many of the six-time Grammy Award winner's 50 top 40 UK hits will feature as possible.

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The production partners with Breast Cancer Now, raising more than £10,000 to date for the charity as it has performed throughout the UK, with the next target being £15,000.

For every Back to Bacharach ticket sold the show's producers donate £1 to Breast Cancer Now, helping to fund vital breast cancer research.

Back to Bacharach's vocalists have performed all over the world, most recently seeing them perform on tours with Les Miserables, Mary Poppins, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Starlight Express and War of the Worlds.

Their television appearances include Jools Holland, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and The Late Show with David Letterman.

As well as being regular performers for BBC orchestras and touring concert shows, the production's musicians record with Queen, The Who, George Michael, Take That, Paloma Faith, Status Quo, ELO, Michael Ball, Dionne Warrick, Ronan Keating and The Drifters.

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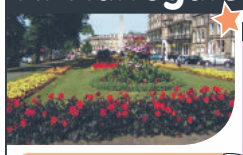

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LEATHER SOFA 3 seater Tesco Ashmore black leather sofa. Good condition. £125 ono 01704 577685

LEATHER SOFA 2 seater Tesco Ashmore black leather sofa. Good condition. £115 ono 01704 577685

ELECTRIC ARMCHAIR Stokers electric armchair in pink dralon upholsetry - £60 - 01704877612 /07719349370

ELECTRIC RECLINER Stokers woburn armchair in dusty rose chenille velvet - £80 01704877612 /07761491656

LAMPSHADE Standard lampshade Vintage dusky pink large with long fringe £10 Burscough 01704 893195

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CURTAINS Double width each curtain. Fit pole/track 96in Drop 84in Pale copper colour satin sheen fully lined Pinch pleat heading £50 01695 576078

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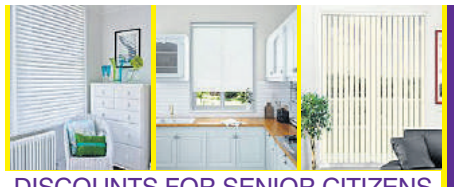

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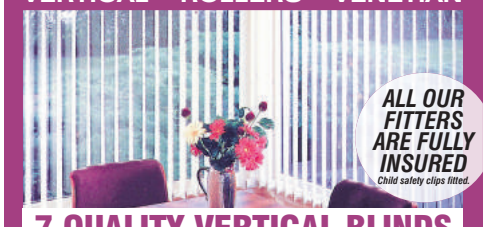

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RELAX ARMCHAIR Stokers armchair in neutral flat weave floral fabric,excellent condition - £70 - 01704877612/ 07719349370

FRIDGE/FREEZER CANDY 50/50 white fridge freezer in good condition, H 1400,W 550, D 600 - £35 01704877612 /07719349370

SOFA 2 seater sofa, mid brown flat weave upholstery with matching footstool in good condition - £70 01704877612 /07761491656

FRIDGE UNDERCOUNTER fridge good working order in nice clean condition undercounter size selling as changing kitchen just needs salad draw hence £25 07741206449

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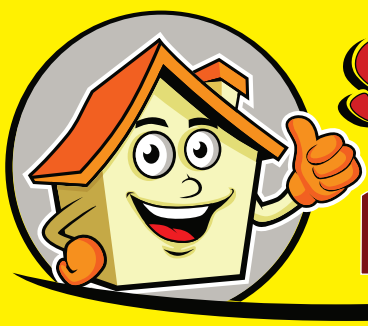
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PUBLIC NOTICES

CO-OPERATIVE AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETIES ACT 2014
CREDIT UNIONS ACT 1979

Notice of Cancellation pursuant to section 5 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Authority has, pursuant to the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, this day cancelled the registration of **Skelmersdale Credit Union Limited** (Register No. **1 C**) the registered office of which is at **Skelmersdale Ecumenical Centre, Northway, SKELMERSDALE Lancashire WN8 6LU.** The grounds of the cancellation are that the credit union's permission under Part 4A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 has been cancelled.

The society ceases to enjoy the privileges of a registered society, but without prejudice to any liability incurred by the society, which may be enforced against it as if such cancellation had not taken place.

Date: **27 September 2018**

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2018/0751/FUL Proposed new build cattery to north east of farm and change of use of existing store to be utilised as cattery reception / drop off room at Wellcross Farm, 123 Tower Hill Road, Up Holland.

2018/0983/FUL Conversion of rear of linked garage to form an additional bedroom with alterations to the link to create a new central apex, including replacement garage door and new window and french door at 14A Chorley Road, Hilldale.

The application affects a Conservation Area.

2018/1028/FUL Removal of 1No. External ATM and reinstatement of bottom sash window at Royal Bank Of Scotland, Scarisbrick House, 4 The Common, Parbold.

The application affects a Conservation Area.

2018/1054/FUL Conversion of two outbuildings for use as a cattery and associated works at 40A Pimbo Lane, Up Holland.

2018/1062/FUL Development including change of use and remodelling of existing space from vacant office/retail accommodation into 4 no. bed student HMO accommodation with micro pub/wine bar, and associated external alterations at 37 Burscough Street, Ormskirk.

The application affects a Conservation Area.

The application affects a Listed Building.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 24th October 2018
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT1017

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- Have a bank account in the name of the organisation/group etc.
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OR BY VISITING THE COUNCIL'S WEBSITE
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THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPICATIONS:
Friday 23 November 2018

Kim Webber Chief Executive *Dated: 22 October 2018*

Announcements

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GRIMSHAW GRAHAM

The family wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind words, cards and generous donations to Queenscourt & St Cuthberts Church, Halsall in remembrance of Graham. Thank you to Aughton Surgery, Southport and Aintree Hospitals, the District Nurses, High Wray Care Home and Spring Field Nursing Home.
Also to
Reverend Paul for a warm and personal service at St Cuthbert's Church, Halsall, and The Aughton Institute for the refreshments.
Thanks to Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, Tarleton for their kind and professional services.

PADDY MADDICK

25-2-1936 06-10-2018

Ray, Linda, Sally, Jill, Sue, Pete and all the family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support during this difficult time.
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Thank You.

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DEATHS

SIDEBOTHAM ALAN

11th October 2018
Aged 71 years

Died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family after a long illness bravely borne with much dignity and good humour. Dearly loved Husband of Heather, Father of Nicola, Paul and Andrew.
Father-In-Law to Martin and Jo. Proud Grandad of Thomas, Caitlin and Emily.
Funeral service to be held at Emmanuel Parish Church on Friday 26th October at 11:00am followed by committal at Southport Crematorium.
Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Queenscourt Hospice. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DICKINSON DOREEN

Suddenly at home on 13th October 2018 aged 83 years

Much loved Wife of late Linden. Much loved Mum of Carol. Dear Mother-in-law of John. Dear Nan of Gemma. Doreen will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and all who knew her. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Tuesday 30th October at 10:45am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for British Heart Foundation. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

DEATHS

THRELFALL JEAN

13th October 2018
Peacefully at her home in Skelmersdale
aged 82 years

The dearly loved Wife of the late Eric, loving Mum of Carol and Son in law Geoff (deceased), devoted Nan of Rachel and Matthew and Great Nan to Luke and Myla.
Funeral service and interment at St Michael and All Angels Church, Dalton on Tuesday 30th October 2018 at 10:30am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for North West Cancer Research or St Michael's Church.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

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JONES GERRY

We are deeply sad to announce the death of our Mum and dear friend Gerry Jones.
7th October 2018

Mum sadly passed away peacefully at home surrounded by close family members. Her sense of humour, bravery and personality will be sorely missed by all who knew her.
The funeral service will be held at Our Lady of Compassion Church in Formby on Thursday 25th October at 12pm.
Flowers accepted but donations to Queens Court Hospice preferred.

Family Announcement? **01704 392392**

DEATHS

HIGSON EDDIE

18th October 2018
Aged 81 years

Dearly loved Husband of the late Ivy. Dearest Dad of John and Tony, Father-in-law to Val. Grandad to Sean and Natalie, Step-Grandad to Matt and Jack and his Great Grandaughter Lily. Much loved Brother of the late Mick, Brother-in-law to Beryl and Frances, Uncle to all his Nieces and Nephews. Eddie will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Ormskirk, L40 7SP on Tuesday 30th October at 11:30am.
Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Queenscourt Hospice.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

JONES MARGARET WINIFRED
(nee Rice)

Peacefully after a long illness on 11th October 2018 at The Spinney Nursing Home

Margaret Winifred Jones. Beloved Wife of the late Frederick Jones of College Road, Upholland. Much loved Mother and Grandmother.
A Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 9th November 2018 at St. Teresa's Church Upholland at 2pm followed by interment at St. Teresa's Church Yard, Roby Mill.
Family flowers only please, donations if desired to The Brown Dog Cancer Charity.
A donations box will be available at Church c/o and all enquiries to W. Banks, Sefton Villa, Sefton Road, Orrell WN5 8UP Tel:01695 622272

DEATHS

ROBY CHRISTOPHER JOHN MARTIN (CHRIS)

22/5/1935 -16/10/2018

Dearly loved and loving Husband of Mary. Loving Brother, Brother-in-law, Uncle, Great Uncle and friend to many. Flowers or Donations in lieu are being gratefully received for Dementia UK. For funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancs, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

CROSS ANGELA EILEEN

11th October 2018
Aged 68 years
Peacefully at Home

Angie was much loved and will be sadly missed by all her family and friends - Roy, Gill, Martyn, Alex and Helena.
Funeral service to take place at 2pm on Thursday 25th October 2018, St. Lukes Church, Crosby followed by committal at Thornton Garden of Rest.
All enquiries to H. Leslie Humpreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

POPE JOHN ANTHONY (TONY)

Sadly passed away 13th October 2018, aged 94 years

Well-loved Husband of Hilary (deceased), dear Father of Pauline (deceased), Kevin, Stephen, Paula, Marian, John and Simon, and Father-in-law to Jennifer, Colin and Alison.
A dear Brother, Uncle and Grandfather. The Requiem Mass will take will take place at St Mary's RC Church, Little Crosby on Tuesday 30th October at 12noon. Family flowers only please. Donations in memory of Tony can be made if wished to St. Mary's RC Church, Little Crosby and Our Lady of Victories RC Church, Hightown, c/o H. Leslie Humphreys, Funeral Directors, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, Liverpool L23 5SE. Tel: 0151 924 4805.

DEATHS

MOSS MARTHA ELIZABETH 'BETH'

Passed away at Alsley Lodge Care Home, Rufford on 18th October 2018, aged 94 years

Much loved Mum of Angela. Beth will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral Service will take place at Tarleton Methodist Chapel on Wednesday 31st October at 13:30pm, followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium at 2.30pm.
Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for their chosen charity. Further enquiries please to W.H.Hull Funeral Directors, 81 Church Road, Tarleton, Preston, PR4 6UP, Tel: 01772 812409

JONES KENNETH ALUN

sadly passed away on the 8th October 2018 Aged 75 Years

Service to be held at Thornton Crematorium on Tuesday 30th October at 9.20am.

MCLOUGHLIN JACK LLOYD

28/04/95 - 15/10/18

With great sadness, the family announce the passing of Jack. A much loved Son, Brother, Grandson and friend. Jack took his rest on Monday 15th October 2018 at his home. A funeral service will be held on 1st November 2018 at 2pm at St. Helens Crematorium Chapel, followed by interment at St Helens Cemetery.
The family request an item coloured red is worn for the celebration of Jack's life. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to R-O-O-F (Remember our outdoor friends)

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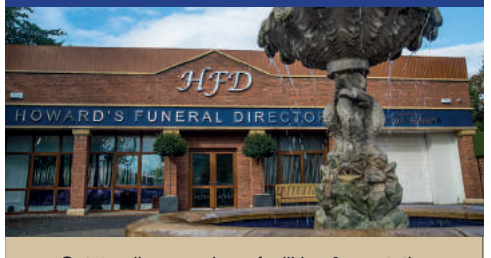

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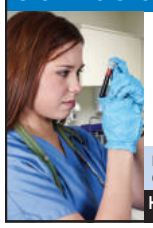

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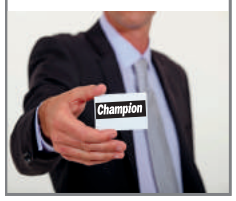

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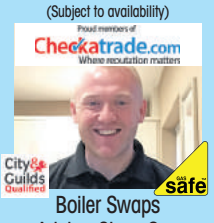
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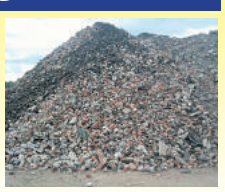

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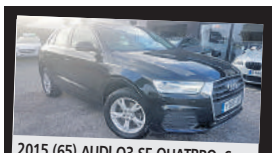
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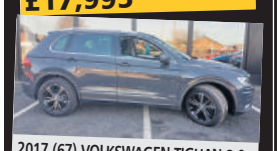
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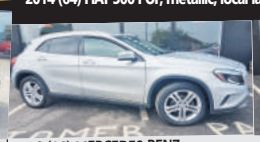
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PADDY McGuinness and Freddie Flintoff presenting *Top Gear*? Yeah, right.

The fact that I initially responded to this week's big news – admittedly delivered secondhand by a mate rather than through any vaguely official news source – as someone taking the mick pretty much sums up what I made of the situation.

Yet there it was on the programme's official website, complete with a photo of the pair posing with Chris Harris and a freshly polished Porsche 911. Obviously, it was some elaborate publicity stunt by the Beeb, and there'd be a hyperlink somewhere directing me to that ancient internet meme with that shot of Leonardo DeCaprio from *The Great Gatsby*, winking smugly at you as he clinks a glass of Martini. 'ONLY JOKING!', it'd scream in enormous white lettering, and we'd all have a good giggle.

Except it didn't. I'm sure that Paddy and Freddie are both entertaining blokes who'd buy you a pint if you bumped into them in a pub and asked them nicely enough, but that shouldn't be nearly enough to land them the biggest gig in petrolhead-dom. I can only assume that the *Take Me Out* star has an innate knowledge of lift-off oversteer and the ability to make variable valve timing sound interesting, because Britain's biggest motoring brand is about to take a massive hit on its credibility if he doesn't.

It matters because, for all its form for deliberately setting caravans on fire and cartoonish mystery racing driving drivers, *Top Gear* is still a respected name with clout with the people who make cars, people who work with them and yes, you, the people who buy them. It's no longer be the place to go if you want to know if the current Astra's any good but it can still do authoritative as much as entertaining – and that's because the people fronting it had genuine credibility.

In its mid-Noughties heyday it was fronted by a bloke from *Performance Car*, a chap who used to present *Men & Motors* and someone who once got fired from *Autocar* -- yep, that's Clarkson, Hammond and May. You might have found Chris Evans annoying in his single series at the helm but he's a classic collector who founded and organised his own car show, and Chris Harris has been writing for *evo* and putting together YouTube clips on cars seemingly since time immemorial. Even Matt LeBlanc has spent an eternity collecting cars and hanging around F1 races. So I worry that putting two presenters who are massively popular but don't appear to have any motoring background – even the best thing the official *Top Gear* statement could reassure us with is that McGuinness is "a massive fan" of the show – is a step entirely in the wrong direction. The next season is the last with the current LeBlanc-led presenting trio, but with Paddy and Freddie taking over and the excellent Rory Reid demoted back to the *Extra Gear* spinoff, Chris Harris will have a lot of work to do to convince people it'll still be a show that deserves to be taken seriously.

Me watching it? Yeah, right.

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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Chad Whyte in action for Burscough in a previous match

High five for Whyte who helps Linnets seal cup win

Report by Neil Leatherbarrow

Burscough 5
New Mills 1

STAR striker Chad Whyte is setting the standards in the North-West Counties League this season, scoring all five goals to knock New Mills out the Macron Cup.

His five goal haul is the most by any single player in any North-West Counties League competition so far this season.

Whyte has now scored more goals than any Premier Division player this season.

After scoring more than 40 goals last season many were commenting that he had made a slow start to the season!

The Linnets reached the final of the Macron Cup last season and cleared the first hurdle with relative ease and will host Sandbach United in the next round on Saturday, November 10.

Whyte took less than a minute to give Burscough the lead, but then they were put under some pressure by the men from the Peak District, resulting in Aaron Dwyer hitting the Linnets crossbar.

In the 25th minute The Millers equalised. Dwyer swung in a corner and Joe Armstrong was left completely unmarked and duly fired home from close range.

Stung into action, two minutes later Burscough restored their lead. Terry Cummings shot was parried by the New Mills goalkeeper and Whyte who was sniffing around for the rebound and stuck the ball into the net.

After going close to a third just before half-time The Linnets got themselves some breathing space straight after the restart, Whyte netting again five minutes in to make it 3-1, at the same time completing his hat-trick.

It took Burscough until eleven minutes from the end to completely finish New Mills off and who else but Whyte. Jamie Clark put a cross in from the left and it was headed back across the box, from where Whyte netted.

Just as the game approached added time Whyte made it a nap hand, Clark hit the post with a free-kick and Whyte was left to celebrate a memorable afternoon with his and Burscough's fifth goal.

Burscough face a difficult one on Saturday when they cross the Mersey Gateway to play promotion chasing Runcorn Town.

It would be an achievement to bring anything back from there, but on present form they are well capable of doing so.

The Linnets then have back to back games against local rivals Charnock Richard, first travelling over to Parbold Hill on Tuesday, October 30 then entertaining then on Saturday, November 3.

Both last seasons' Parbold Hill Derbies were closely fought encounters; there is every expectation that this season's will be too.

Skem battle back from two goals down to earn vital point at Chasetown

Chasetown 2
Skelmersdale United 2

Skelmersdale United came from 2-0 down to secure a point at Chasetown, writes Simon Driscoll.

Ryan Wynter and Matty Hardiman put Chase 2-0 up either side of half time with Sean Yeldrem cutting the deficit ahead of a leveller on 68 minutes which saw Will Dunne's effort deflected in for a share of the points.

Skem manager Dave Powell handed a debut to Ishmael Banks with Charlie Duke suspended, Dimi Christou returned from injury while new signings Leon Arnasalem and Oliver van Veen were included on the bench.

The hosts threatened early on with Jack Langston's angled cross collected by Terry Smith before he claimed a low shot from Will Whieldon who had beaten the offside trap.

United's first real opening saw Sean Yeldrem advance down the wing with a self-flick pass before sending over a low cross into the area, the ball could only find a defender who cleared.

Chasetown had a spell of pressure as a long range pass from Curtis Pond resulted in Langston advancing on goal and forcing a low stop from Smith.

United came achingly close to taking the lead on 33 minutes, Alex Griffiths slotted the ball forward for Kevin Edgar whose shot across the goal beat Pond but also the far post.

It was to be Chasetown who opened the scoring three minutes later when Whieldon's corner met superbly by Ryan Wynter who headed past Smith for 1-0.

The hosts' lead could have been doubled just before half-time as Langston picked out Jon Beaumont who beat Smith but in doing so sent the ball wide of the goal.

A mazy run from Dimi Christou released Yeldrem down the wing who collected the ball before being forced away from goal by Sam Luke.

The second half began with the Beaumont firing an effort past the post for the hosts before a long ball from Langston found Hardiman who fired straight at Smith with 54 minutes played.

Chasetown doubled their lead in style within a minute, substitute Muzzy Nduna's sweeping cross met superbly by Hardiman at the far post and headed past Smith for 2-0.

Skem goalkeeper Terry Smith holds onto a cross under pressure. Picture by John Driscoll.

United cut the gap on 58 minutes with some luck, referee Tom Bowkett signalled play on after Phil Mooney was upended and quick thinking from substitute Danny McLoughlin saw him send a low cross to Yeldrem who slotted past Pond for 2-1.

The introduction of McLoughlin from the bench boosted United's attack and he had a chance to level after a clever move but could only hit over the bar

A lofted ball from the hosts caused panic for United, Smith caught out by an acrobatic effort from Hardiman which was eventually cleared.

United drew level on 68 minutes as a run and pass from Griffiths saw Edgar slot the ball past the diving Pond, Will Dunne flicked towards goal with Luke clearing off the line, Dunne flicked in again with his effort cannoning in off Wynter for 2-2.

Both sides pushed for a winner with substitute Jake Lovatt finding Langston who fired past the post before United substitute Oliver Van Veen shot over the bar at the other end.

The final whistle sounded minutes later with both sides collecting a point, United the happier after overturning a two goal deficit to move off the foot of the table.

Meanwhile, Skem are not in action this weekend as they exited the FA Cup Trophy in the last round.

Their next fixture will be a home match against Ramsbottom United on Saturday, November 3.

Former striker Mike Phenix leaves Sandgrounders over 'serious issues'

FORMER Skelmersdale United striker Mike Phenix has left current club Southport after the they terminated his contract.

The Sandgrounders ended ties with both Phenix and Zac Corbett with immediate effect.

A statement released by Southport said: "The club has co-operated fully with the relevant authorities regarding separate yet equally serious issues that involve the two players and having a zero tolerance policy towards such issues, there was no other option than to part company."

The club stated they would not comment further on this matter.

Mike Phenix in action for Southport

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College launches new School of Medicine A Level Programme

West Lancashire College are delighted to announce The School of Medicine opening in September 2019. Delivered in partnership with leading employers from the health and medical sector and some of the top UK University Medical Schools, the two-year programme offers much more than standard A Levels and gives those wishing to progress to medical school as an undergraduate a distinct competitive edge.

The first of its kind, The School of Medicine offers unique work experience in a variety of roles within the medical industry with placements within the NHS, with Virgin Care and with West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group. Students joining The School of Medicine will study a combination of Science and Maths A Levels that will be enhanced by the college's unique Discovery Work Placement Programme.

Students will also benefit from workshops and seminars delivered by Doctors and Professors from Medical Schools at Edge Hill University, the University of Central Lancashire, University of Liverpool and University of Lancaster, and also receive peer mentoring from undergraduates currently studying at the University of Central Lancashire Medical School.

Those joining the high profile programme will be also prepared for MMI and UKCAT tests giving them the best possible chance of studying Medicine as an undergraduate.

Denise Williamson, Principal at West Lancashire College, said "We are delighted to be able to offer this unique opportunity to local young people. The School of Medicine has been designed for the benefit of local aspiring medics and is part of our ambition to meet the needs of local and regional employers as well as unlock potential through learning."

Nicola Baxter, Head of Medicines Optimisation, West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) added "West Lancashire CCG, partnered with West Lancashire College are committed to growing our own work force particularly in health care.

We are working together with the College and our primary care colleagues to raise the aspirations of young people and their families in our most deprived areas in West Lancashire, particularly in the STEM subjects. We are developing pipelines to medicines, pharmacy, nursing and other health related careers with embedded work placements in primary care and a widening access to medicines support package."

• You can find out more about this unique opportunity, or any of the other many study options available by attending one of the College's Open Events, Monday 29 October 5pm-8pm, Wednesday 14 November 5pm-8pm or for further information, please contact the college on 01695 52383 / admissions@westlancs.ac.uk

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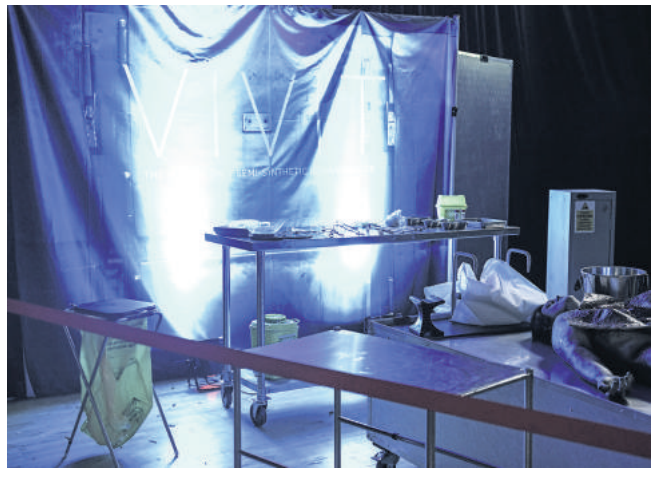

Fresh from being seen on BBC's Dragons' Den over the summer and after 6 months of planning, preparation and modelling, the ITAE Group are delighted to unveil their new Semi-Synthetic Cadaver 'VIVIT' and Operating Theatre Live at West Lancashire College's forthcoming Open Events.

The showcase will help take students, healthcare professionals and the general public on an experience into healthcare and human anatomy like never before.

VIVIT is the brain child of Chief Executive of the ITAE Group and acclaimed human anatomist Samuel Piri. He is responsible for creating this chilling life-like cadaver to provide a LIVE human body dissection.

Samuel said, "This has been a long time in the making and I am thrilled to finally be able to unveil VIVIT to his new audiences."

The ITAE Group provides the world's only travelling live post mortem experience.

Visitors to the College's Open Events can be inspired by Operating Theatre Live on Monday 29 October, 5pm-8pm and 'Vivit' Live Autopsy on Wednesday 14 November, 5pm-8pm.

To find out more, please contact West Lancashire College direct on 01695 52383.

Combine your Level 3 BTEC Subjects

West Lancashire College are pleased to announce that from September 2019, anyone studying a Level 3 BTEC qualification, equivalent to three A Levels, can now combine subject areas.

This new study offer allows students to widen their options enabling them to take a tailor-made programme to suit individual needs. Students can choose to combine three of the following: Applied Psychology, Art & Design, Business, Dance, Health & Social Care, IT, Law, Performing Arts, Public Services, Science, Sports and Travel & Tourism. Plus, those studying Art & Design can also add A Level Photography!

The College has introduced this new BTEC Combinations Programme due to both popular demand and also to offer students the very best study option to help shape their future career.

There really has never been a better time to join West Lancashire College, from studying A Levels at the new School of Medicine, Technical Skills qualifications, Apprenticeships, Access to Higher Education Courses, Degree level study or the new BTEC Combinations Programme, there really is something for everyone no matter what your age or experience.

Anyone wishing to find out more should go along to one of the College's Open Events, Monday 29 October 5pm-8pm, Wednesday 14 November 5pm-8pm, where advice and guidance staff will be happy to talk you through your options.

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The Foundation Degree in Health & Social Care responds to the needs of health and social care providers in the voluntary, private and public sector in the North West of England. This industry ready qualification aims to enhance staff training and qualifications to meet service quality and performance agendas. It combines academic understanding and skills, with generic and specific work-related skills, and incorporates occupational standards for health and social care workers.

The Degree programme aims to equip students who are working or intending to work with people who have a range of social care needs. Awareness of human rights, cultural diversity and ethical, policy, legislative and resource issues in health and social care is developed to support practice in the principles of social welfare. The course combines academic theory and work related skills alongside occupational standards for health and social care providers.

The course can be studied over 2 years full-time or 3 years part-time, and successful completion can lead to progression onto a one year top up to gain a full honours degree, Health & Social Care BSc (Hons).

If you are interested in finding out more about the course, fees and the £1000 non-repayable bursary available to full-time learners, please go along to one of the College's Open Events, Monday 29 October 5pm-8pm, Wednesday 14 November 5pm-8pm.

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New Logistics Careers Academy

STUDY A LEVEL 3 LOGISTICS PATHWAY AND GET 10 FREE DRIVING LESSONS!

Logistics is a priority in our area with many job opportunities. As a result of this and to meet local demand, West Lancashire College is delighted to offer The Logistics Careers Academy.

Working as a business partner with local and regional employers, including Graylaw Freight Group, Peel Ports and Hotter, the college are working to provide education and training solutions to develop the local workforce and retain local talent, supporting the needs of this fast growing industry in West Lancashire and the North West.

The Logistics Careers Academy at West Lancashire College offers local people the opportunity to become job or university ready with a view to a career in the Logistics industry, and will connect students with employers through specific work placements, visits and guest seminars in the logistics sector.

There are a wide range of job roles within the Logistics industry, and it may not be a sector that you had previously thought about. Careers range from Transport Planner to Purchasing Manager, HGV Driver to Supply Chain Manager with many more in between! Normal pay for Purchasing Managers is £45,806 per year, and 4660 Purchasing Managers are currently employed our region.

Whether you are a school leaver looking to start your career in Logistics, an adult looking to change direction or you are already in the sector and wish to upskill for a promotion, we have a variety of options for you.

Our courses include Logistics Pathway Level 2 or Level 3 in Business & IT, Apprenticeship Warehousing & Storage Level 2 & 3, Apprenticeship Procurement Level 3, Warehousing and Storage NVQ Level 1 & 2, plus Health & Safety, First Aid, Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC), CIPS Level 3 and Fork Lift Truck training. Students studying a Level 3 Logistics Pathway will get 10 FREE* driving lessons as part of their programme of study!

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